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THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT

Major-General G.G. Brown, OStJ, CD

Once again it is my very great pleasure to send my very best wishes to all members of our Regimental Family wherever they are serving; in our three Regular Battalions, 2 Airborne Commando now serving in Cyprus, on extra Regimental employment, in our Fourth Battalion, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, or now retired and serving in other ways.

This year just past has been an exciting one, not just because of the training activities, although Rendezvous 81 in CFB Gagetown certainly was an outstanding effort, but also because of our Colonel-in-Chiefs' visit to several elements of her Regiment.

This visit marked her first visit to Canada since her return to Regimental Duty and it played a tremendous part in cementing Regimental ties and raising espirt de corps and this of course as I have said many times before is intertwined with our training and capability to defend our country.

It was an inspiration for all of us to have her with us once again. In the short period of time she spent in Canada she was able to visit her First Battalion in Calgary, her Second Battalion in Winnipeg, elements of her Patricias' in Petawawa and many serving and retired Patricias' journeyed to Ottawa from Montreal, Kingston and Toronto to join with Ottawa Patricias' in a wonderful and heart warming reception for her there.

The blend of the formal and the informal as Lady Patricia participates in the ceremonial aspects of these visits, the happiness of being together as a family and sharing these events bring us all closer together as a family and renews old memories and brings lasting new ones to all of us.

I would like to extend my warmest congratualtions to all Patricias' for an outstanding effort in so many areas of endeavour during this past year.

The splendid United Nations tour of our second Airborne Commando in Cyprus — the highly successful training programme mentioned earlier that took place this summer in Gagetown, B Coy of our First Battalion and their highly successful work with the British in live firing exercises in Suffield.

The inspiring performance of the Second Battalion as they celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong in Winnipeg in April of this year, and the outstanding welcome they gave to their former Commanding Officer, Colonel Jim Stone and the officers and men who joined them to reflect upon that great battle.

The exciting Tattoo performed in Victoria by our Third Battalion on 24 May and the exercising of their Freedom of the City of Victoria; the magnificent display of discipline and professionalism provided by the First Battalion when they Trooped the Colour with excellence and precision in front of our Colonel-in Chief and hundreds of spectators on that cold, rainy morning of 8 May in honour of the Battle of Frezenberg; finally, and by no means least in importance, the tremendous work, often low in profile, being done by Patricias' with Cadets, the Militia and in our schools and training establishments across the country and those many other extra-Regimental tasks which are difficult and so necessary and which so many members of our Regiment are called upon to perform and do so very well.

We must also recognize the splendid, quiet support being provided by the wives and families of our members throughout all of these varied and essential tasks and particularly those families of our Patricias' in 2 Airborne Commando serving in Cyprus with the United Nations.

The Association continued to grow and thrive this year. The sad passing of Andy Mills of the Edmonton Branch and "Oop" McPhail of the Vancouver Branch remind us all that time is passing quickly and of the importance of the comradeship, friendship and support provided to so many by our Association.

I have enjoyed the opportunity of meeting and speaking to so many of you throughout the year and I look forward to the year to come and meeting with so many more of you and wish you all the very best, good health and happiness for 1982.

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HISTORICAL NOTE:

TRACY RICHARDSON —

GUNNER-EXTRAORDINAIRE OF THE PRINCESS PATRICIA'S

by Allan Levine

The Machine Gun Section, Salisbury Plain, October 1914 with Major Andrew Hamilton Gault on the left

Editor's Note: As a result of the article entitled "The Originals" by Major L.E. Grimshaw, CD more information on No 865 Tracy Richardson has come to light. The following article by Allan Levine (ex-QOR of C) has been reproduced and hopefully will give readers a further insight into the individual character of one of our Originals.

January 1915. The time was desperate for the Allies. True to their "Schlieffen Plan" the Germans had launched their juggernaut across the top of Western Europe, and Allied armies hard-pressed though they were, had checked the enemy tide into a deadly stalemate of trench warfare that would endure for almost four years. In the process, hundreds of thousands of men on both sides would be killed, maimed, and gassed, and afterward the "War to End All Wars" would be still to come.

In the meantime, every German strength had to be countered with equal strength on the part of the Allies, and recruiting in North America and elsewhere became a serious pursuit of all their forces. It was into this scenario that Tracy Custer Richardson; tall, lanky Missourian, soldier of fortune, and machine-gunner extraordinary, emerged. Where there was a fight there also was Tracy. He enlisted with the PPCLI at Levis, Quebec in September 1914 as a private (though in reality if his prior rank in various Latin American armies were counted, he'd have outranked most of the Regiment) and shortly thereafter shipped out for England. Ralph Hodder-Williams' history is a bit short of personal detail, given that each and every man in the Regiment could warrant a book, but we do learn that Tracy, No 865 was wounded on 4 May 1915, struck off strength 1 June 1915 and was subsequently a Lieutenant in the 97th Battalion — a short-lived commission in view of the fact that the 97th was used as reinforcements for the PPCLI and RCR.

The Hell of trench warfare has been aptly recalled by many who were there and perhaps most eloquently by those who knew they might not return. Tracy however, seems to have led something of a charmed life. In a series which he later wrote for LIBERTY magazine, he described in believable detail the role of the PPCLI in keeping up their part of the line, dealing with snipers in the Belgin sector of the front, surviving all manner of privations, and at one point, bivouacking for three days with cooking fire ablaze, over a concealed gun-cotton dump until ordered out by a shocked party of sappers. The fighting around St Eloi, famous for its overgrown mound of discarded bricks, is legion. The Patricia's fixed bayonets, planted its machine guns, and got on with the unpleasant job of reducing the German population of St Elio to zero. As Richardson describes it, "There was no science or strategy or tactics in that fight; just primitive hand-to-hand. But when it was over, after two hours of that sort of stuff, the only Germans in St Eloi were dead. It was this kind of desperate warfare in which Tracy excelled, but was not totally immune to bullets and bombs.

He had designed and executed a new design for a machine gun emplacement, and in the process having eliminated an abandoned trench by filling it in, thereby saving lives, he'd been recommended for the Victoria Cross. However Col Farquhar, the Regimental Commander was killed the same day and Richardson was never decorated. His decorations were more in the order of shell fragments, bullet holes, and a bayonet wound in the thigh. "Kamerad", shouted the soldier who'd missed him; Tracy calmly blew the man's face off with a .45 and spent the rest of the day bleeding. After being gassed, shunted around from hospital to hospital, operated on but declared medically unfit because he was paralyzed from a wound in his spine, Tracy was mustered out after only four months of combat. Yet in those four months, he saw more action than any other man sees in his whole life.

What one wonders, was the origin of this remarkable soldier — a credit to the PPCLI and every other unit in which he served; and what became of him after the war? Depending on which history one reads, or which tall tale, he was born in 1889 or 1892 in West Union or Broken Bow, Nebraska, one of four children of a general contractor. He grew up in Lamar, Missouri, another of whose favourite sons was Harry Truman, and embarked on a career in the oil business, a venture that was short-lived. He and a friend took the first boat out of New Orleans; joined the "American Legion" under General Gabe Conrad, and helped in the unseating of the tyrant Zelaya, along with the man who was to become his lifelong friend Sam Dreben, "The Fighting Jew". When this bit of action was over, Tracy, Sam and a man who was to figure later in a great deal of Caribbean and Isthmian intrigue, Guy Ross "Machine-Gun" Molony, signed on with the dynamic Central American king-maker, Lee Christmas; the greatest of his ilk since William Walker was stood against a wall; and they proceeded to unseat another tyrant, or seat another tyrant (depending on one's point of view) in Honduras.

By now Tracy's prowess with a machine gun was more powerful than a professional resume; he signed on with a Venezuelan junta for a brief period in 1911 and then teamed up with Sam Dreben for three years of adventure all across northern Mexico with more than enough close calls. Tracy is reportedly the only "gringo" to stick a gun in Pancho Villa's ribs and tell about it afterward. It was in the Vera Cruz landings that Tracy's services were most valuable to General Funston. But Tracy got wind of the war in Europe and wound up in the PPCLI.

After the War, his life was considerably less violent. He was arrested in 1922 for killing his best friend in self defence, but was acquitted. He married, but his wife died tragically shortly afterward of a respiratory disease. He had numerous jobs as a writer, miner, stock promoter, real estate salesman, private detective and treasury agent. His closest friends predeceased him by many years; Lee Christmas died of "tropical spruce" in a New Orleans charity ward in 1923; Sam Dreben, succumbing to paresis, died of a drug overdose in a Los Angeles hospital in 1925. Of his other friends little is known beyond Guy Molony, who was buried in New Orleans, after a full life of 88 years. The only PPCLI member on record, at least on Tracy's record, to keep up communications with him was Frederick Faust, also known as Max Brand a writer like Tracy, but an eminently successful one.

Early in 1925 an obscure little newspaper in Bartow, Florida, The Polk County Record, came out with an article on Tracy and Sam Dreben, on the sad occasion of Sam's death. On the masthead of that paper was the name of one Wallace Stevens, and one asks whether it is the same Wallace Stevens who was an eminent American poet, and prominent businessman. Certainly Tracy's PPCLI and Mexican adventures are cited in it; one looks below the surface to learn more since the author seems to have had an intimate insight into Richardson the man, and to some extent the keen thinker as well as doer. Richardson however, was not lauded for his thoughts, despite the fact that there was always a tormented genius within him that never really emerged.

After seven years as a pulp writer, Tracy again entered the service when Japan attacked Pearl Harbour. He was a senior staff officer in Colorado and the Aleutians being discharged as a Lieutenant Colonel in January 1946. After several years of selling household appliances door-to-door (the only job he could get) he died on April 20, 1949 in virtual obscurity at aged 59 years in a Springfield, Missouri hospital. His bones lie in the Lake Cemetery at Lamar. it is to be hoped that his legend will not go unremembered.

Footnote:

Tracy Richardson/Working Bibliography
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J.A. de LALANNE, CBE, MC, OStJ, ED

On 12 November 1980, Brigadier James Arthur de Lalanne was honoured by McGill University with the award of an Honourary Degree of Doctor of Laws. The citation is quoted below.

Mr Chancellor,

I am pleased and honoured to present to you General James Arthur de Lalanne so that you may confer on him the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa.*

Jimmy de Lalanne is an extraordinary and remarkable Canadian. Whereas it is not uncommon for a person to excel and achieve greatness in one field, it is rare in two, and to excel in four is surely unique. And yet that is exactly what Jimmy de Lalanne has done.

In service to his country, he achieved great distinction by rising through the ranks from private to general as a wartime soldier only. From the McGill University Contingent of the Officer Training Corps in 1915, he joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in France as a private. He was commissioned in the field in 1916, was wounded in action three times and was awarded the Military Cross and Bar. After the infamous battle of Vimy Ridge he led the first patrol into the village of Vimy to liberate it and at the 50th anniversary celebration in 1967 the citizens of Vimy recognized that important event by naming a street in his honour.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, Jimmy de Lalanne rejoined active service and served throughout the war in staff positions primarily in Ottawa reaching the rank of Vice-Adjutant General by war's end. He received numerous decorations and medals including the title of Commander of the Order of the British Empire and the Order of the White Lion from the Czechoslovak Republic.

To say that since the end of the Second World War General de Lalanne has not been "on active service" would perhaps be militarily correct but by any other measure would be entirely wrong. His service to his former comrades in arms continues unabated. He has been a tireless worker in aid of the Royal Canadian Legion and since 1977 he has been the national Grand President and as such he participate in the Remembrance Day Services at the Cenotaph in Ottawa yesterday.

He is a Past President of the Montreal United Services Institute, the Last Post Fund and the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association, of which he is currently Vice-Patron. He has been actively involved with the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires and has been Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Quebec Division for the past seventeen years.

Jimmy de Lalanne's service to the local community has been very broad in scope. He is a former alderman and mayor of the City of Westmount, a Past President of the Rotary Club of Westmount, an Officer of the Order of St. John, Honorary Vice-President of the British Commonwealth Games Association of Canada and the Montreal Track and Field Association, a Past President of the Canadian Rugby Union and the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association. The list goes on and on.

His connection with McGill dates back to 1913 when at the age of sixteen he entered the B.A. honours mathematics, program on a scholarship. His studies were interrupted by war but he returned afterwards and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1919. He maintained a close association with the University between the wars and again after 1945, serving in many capacities, especially in the Graduates' Society of which he was President from 1950 to '52. He was also a member of the Board of Governors from 1953 to '56 and for ten years was a member of the Quebec Council of Education.

Jimmy de Lalanne's professional career was no less outstanding. After graduation in 1919 he joined the chartered accountancy firm of McDonald Currie and became a chartered accountant himself in 1923 placing first in Quebec in the professional examinations. As in all that he does he served his profession with enthusiasm and distinction. In 1952 he became President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Quebec and five years later was elected President of the Canadian Institute, in which capacity he represented the Canadian profession around the world.

The profession in Quebec is celebrating its centenary this year, and it is therefore most fitting that this pre-eminent member should be honoured by his alma mater. As current President of the Quebec Order it is a particular privilege and pleasure for me to present him to you.

Such a brief resume of the accomplishments of Jimmy de Lalanne cannot do justice, but I am sure that it has at least given some indication of his ability, boundless energy and leadership qualities. But what of the man? Anecdotes by him and about him abound, and through those it becomes very obvious that here is a man blessed with genuine respect and affection for his fellow man — feelings that are invariably reciprocated. It is his devotion to service that impresses, but it is his warm sense of humour that endears.

His University, his profession, his community, his country, are proud of his achievements and the beneficiaries of his great contributions. It is in recognition of these that McGill honours him today and I therefore ask you, Mr. Chancellor, in the name of Senate, to confer upon James Arthur de Lalanne the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa.*

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With Best Wishes to Patricias serving and Retired from the Calgary Branch

THE FIRST BATTALION

This year kept us as busy as last year. During September through December the unit conducted adventure, refresher and PCF training, inter-company and inter-unit sports, CPX's, winter indoctrination and Christmas holiday leave.

In Jan 81 the unit attended a three week Battle School in Wainwright, then participated as the enemy force during Ex Rapier Thrust 81. B Coy deployed to Norway in March to exercise as part of a Norwegian Battalion. C Coy ran the Section Commanders' Course and the unit conducted some more PCF courses February through April, while some personnel went to Ski School in Vernon. The Regimental Day was celebrated by a parade reviewed by the Colonel of the Regiment commemorating the return to the wearing of the cloth red and white shoulder title on the dress uniform, and Regimental sports activities.

In April we commenced rehearsals and preparations for Trooping the Colour on 8 May. Our Colonel in Chief participated in various Trooping Week events from 6 to 12 May. Following Trooping we attended RV 81 at CFB Gagetown from 28 May to 12 Jul.

On 16 Jul, command of 1 PPCLI was handed over to LCol Ray Crabbe from LCol Gord Reay. LCol Reay was promoted to Colonel and posted to NDHQ. Most of the Battalion then went on leave until mid Aug. B Coy deployed to Suffield for BATUS training 10 Aug, while the remainder of the unit prepared for range clearance operations in Sarcee.

Change of Command Parade

Change of Command

MCpls Andrews and Zubkowski enjoy their Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner 1980

Sgt. Ede is presented with the "Best Sgt" award for 1980

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A COMPANY

Taking to the damp, cold and rock-hard grounds of the Sacree Training area between 15-17 September 1980, preparing for battle was by no means a challenge to the Red Devils, but A Coy's preparation for battle was to bear fruit as each platoon readied themselves for the defence of their own ground during 22 - 24 September.

Like gophers in the ground, members of 2 Platoon were the first to occupy its defensive position, anxiously and patiently waiting to successfully fend off the advancing enemy force. As time ticked away, the killing ground to their front seemed to re-vitalize its now brown shrubbery with more and more green specks of life. With his many years of battle experience, Sgt "Gerry" Boyle quickly pointed out to his platoon that contrary to popular belief, shrubs do not move! Enemy Recce elements were without a doubt probing, trying to draw fire, he said. As the enemy platoon advanced, the spray of metal was felt, the whistle of death was heard and the shrubbery again took its original brown colour as the enemy were cut down in their stride for ground and a scramble for safety as artillery made its presence known (simulated by C4 explosive). Like wild stampeding horses, after a quick re-organization, the now bewildered aggressors surged forward in a violent but costly attempt to acquire ground. As the smoke screen cleared, the smell of burnt gun powder cleared the air and the sounds of the battle had turned into an awful gruesome sight. All but one enemy soldier had been killed in action. The survivor, Pte "Smooch" Kiss was thoroughly searched, given proper battlefield first aid and escorted to Coy HQ as a POW. Miraculously, 2 Platoon had suffered but two casualties in the likes of MCpl Billy Lang and Pte Rob Foster, who after being medically attended to by our company medic, MCpl Dave Smith, were actually evacuated to Coy HQ. Some people will do anything to get out of the battle. Upon re-organizing, 2 Platoon waited, waited and waited until all that could be seen was the white in each other's eyes. As daylight slowly but surely retired for the day and handed over the watch to what was certainly going to be a long cold and dark night, 2 Platoon waited for relief by 3 Platoon's combat fresh warriors.

As the darkness and the mystery of the night reluctantly gave in to the rear of the yawning sun with its arms of light fully stretched out, it gave a ray of hope and light to 3 Platoon as they eagerly filled the emptiness of those holes in the ground. With their low wire entanglement still waiting to bite into flesh and the ever present marked minefield covering their front, Sgt Joe Johansen with his claymore mine switch in hand assured his eager troops that the enemy had but one way to come forward and then, BANG!! Like all creatures of habit, again the enemy animalistically clung to the ground as they again clawed their way forward only to find themselves bombarded by mortar and deadly artillery (again, simulated by C4 explosives laid by the Bn's Pioneer Platoon). Aside from Pte Peter Kulchyski who was overpowered by the gas attack and quickly given an atropine injection, the damage had been nil — until the much-awaited charge was given. As the previous day's battle had gone, it was quickly done and over with. With the pitter patter of clumsy combat boots, the enemy withdrew, leaving behind Pte Dave Thibodeau lying in pain with his chest gushing with blood. As soldiers of 3 Platoon (affectionately known as the Root Bears) were to find out, they had suffered heavy casualties. Among others, their LAR Group had been wiped out, leaving Pte Peter Plumtree with his stomach contents hanging out in plain sight for all to see and Pte Bill Thielen with a bayonet gash to his right arm... (always realistic in its company training, A Company had the medic bring out a gallon of 'blood' and all his plastic wounds with him, fixing up all casualties into what turned out to be real sickening battlefield sight!!!) After re-organization was complete, gas masks taken off and ready for war again, all were quite aware of how much of a pain in the butt it was to wear a gas mask rendering all speechless and unable to communicate with anyone further away than one's armreach . . . GAS! GAS! GAS!

Speaking of gas, everyone thought it would be quite a gas to watch all of 1 Platoon's dirty dozen position themselves in their holes in the ground in order to surprise the enemy as they finally overran the forward platoons on the third day. Being in depth with his almighty 12, WO Charlie Hunt most certainly showed the offensive troops he really meant business. With artillery rounds strewing metal, dirt and bodies into the air, the almighty 12 littered their front with bodies as they chopped the enemy down in multitudes. Aside from Pte Karry Murray's injured right hand and Pte Animal Davis getting shell-shocked by all the artillery rounds as he blazed away with his General Purpose Machine Gun, they had fared well after Pte Gonzo Buchanan expertly patched them up and sent them off to Company HQ. The war was over, and believe it or not war is really hell . . . as the enemy learned as they were totally wiped out by the victorious 1 Platoon warriors.

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B COMPANY

During the period 8-12 Sep 80, B Coy 1 PPCLI used Shuswap Lake, BC as its Adventure Training area. A brutal and draining experience, the week long trial was characterized by long periods of stalking the wily sun-tan (some of B Coy's more experienced warriors could hold a position for hours without moving a muscle), broken up by short periods of intense eating and sleeping.

Unlike the normal exercise weather, Bravo was forced to endure sunshine, light breezes and starry nights. Wildlife and fish were dense in the area. After an hour long, vicious, no-holds-barred battle in the stream below Albas Falls, the CSM landed 6 inches of prime eating trout, the record catch for the trip. The Coy Clk crawled out of his hooch early one dawn and shaved himself three times before realizing he was staring into a bear.

B Coy started each day with a run and ended it around a bonfire on the beach each night. Those brave enough to go swimming sang soprano for the rest of the trip which was finished off with the bi-annual one and a half mile run. The equipment gave its usual faultless performance as canteen cups were great for bailing and LORE had the deuce engine replaced in no time at all. The only casualties suffered by Bravo's Fearless Fighters were overdoses of the old ultra violet.

B Coy extended their thanks to Lt Beauchamp for excellent planning and timing as the rain did not find us until we were halfway back to Calgary. During the five days on the lake, B Coy got a close look at their new OC and CSM, and vice-versa. The officers and men performed tasks as a Company and as platoons, thus achieving the main objective of familiarization within the Company. The process was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

B Coy on Ex Royal Concert

C COMPANY

The first week of the Adventure Training we were based in a base camp with all the amenities of home, such as cold and cold running water only a short ten paces from the front door of your tent. We started the week off with a day of rock climbing and rapelling. It was at the rock climbing that such notable climbers as Quick Grip Merredew, Sure Hands Cole, and Combat Clerk Fabi proved that the only secret to rock climbing is to ensure you have a firm grip. Although at times there seemed a definite pause by these staunch mountaineers as to whether or not they would ever let go of that grip!

Meanwhile over at the rapel site just about everyone was getting into the swing of things. Pte "Break-a-Leg" Peters excelled at the Aussie rapel, clocking the fastest descent. Unfortunately, that is also how he got his nickname!

The illustrious Green Machine started the Red Deer trip early Monday morning, and with great antioipation we boarded the bus and we were off to the river.

Everything was going according to plan, it's just that we couldn't find the Joffre Bridge or the Red Deer River. But thanks to Lt Klie and a few civie passers by, we managed to get there.

Our first night was spent in a little road-side park and there was some discrepancy about the distance we had paddled, so we asked the local people who ran the nearby store. Needless to say there was quite a difference from what we were told! Must have been a few bends created in the river since the map was printed (at least that's what the platoon commander said).

On the second day Pte "Fall-out-of-your-boat" Horton decided to do a 10-100 in midstream, but panicked when he saw some fast water ahead. Not surprisingly he got to test his lifejacket in field conditions!

Our home-made version of a sailboat was one of the most relaxing ideas for the canoe trip (except when there was no wind).

Thanks to T.W., alias WO Smith, Gizzy (Sgt Hill) and Fat Man (Ralph) for supplying us with the occasional beer we had all longed to have. Just ask Pte Teatotler Edwards how good it was after the last strenuous day on the mighty Red Deer River.

Till next time when C Coy hits the trail again "THINK GREEN".

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COURSES

Driver Wheel Course 8101 — Invades Beautiful BC

It took a few hours and a couple of last minute beer purchases but we finally managed to say good bye to CFB Calgary last Monday as we drove off in a gaggle pack for Elko, BC. Before going on, a bit of background must be given on the Driver's Course. A lot of time had been given to the course by both candidates and instructors — time on how to slide down hills as MCpl "Wiener" Laidley can attest to, along with Pte "Robbie" Robicheau; time on how not to drive in the city; and time on how not to use a gear shift. By 23 March however, all kinks had been ironed out and the trip was designed to sharpen the already expert skills of the candidates.

It started off fine; we made it out of Calgary. But then the fun began. Gears grinding and engines screaming, Pte Robicheau and, yep, Wiener, took on a telephone pole and a semi loaded with logs — at the same time!! Then, in Elko, Sgt Filpula got very tired at

Driver Wheel Course 8101

a pub, then again not too many instructors looked too healthy the next morning.

Ah, but the candidates came to the rescue. Pte Shannon gave the TO a fine lesson in how to take out car doors at 9:00 in the morning. One of the jeeps got stuck in a river while the guys were fishing??? The civies thought this sort of stuff was great and kept waving their fists and fingers in salutation as they whipped by.

And then our favorite candidate, Robicheau, parked a 2 1/2 ton, got out and watched it roll down a hill — just so that he could honestly say that no one could outdo him! Ah, but we forget the little points, like Cpl "Cow-I'll-Crunch-'Em" Kelly who does not like litter on the roads. So he made sure that he flattened a jerry can that had fallen off another truck. Pte Vanderwerf took on two semis in a chicken race and actually won.

Poor old Wiener. His excuse is that he is one of the Three "Menopause Rangers" in 1 PPCLI. MCpl "Mickey" Berridge is another, but he did do his good deed of the century (wrong, he's only 40) by feeding his good buddy (some unknown civy) on the highway. This guy was so happy he cried — Mikey wouldn't give him his beer. That's good PR Mikey, keep it up!

You realize of course, that we are only in Trail now. All the vehicles have hit at least two semis, three parked cars; and have been over the cliff at least once. The instructors have each been killed twice which does bring me to a dilemma. Everyone knows that no one really likes officers, but seriously, if you are going to take him out, don't take the vehicle, yourself and two others with him. Pte Budniw definitely failed this PO as the White Freightliner hit the jeep with the TO and who else but Robicheau in it.

We're off to Vernon and MCpl Burke (supposedly one of the new recruits of the Menopause types) actually moved a mountain with a five-quarter PU. He doesn't admit it, but he was the one driving. Congrats were given to Ptes Foster and Harley for volunteering to work in the kitchen "forever" after they went on their recce. And Pte Edwards had his question answered, "if you are driving, YES I will wear my seat belt!! Our medic got in on the act finally after he drove through Penticton and picked up a set of whitewalls by rubbing his wheels against the curb for five miles.

We must mention that "little" Pte Anderson has forced the unit to put a UCR on three ton stakes. Either that or we must put blocks on the pedals so that the passengers will be able to put their feet on the floor and stop kissing the windshield.

Vernon was fun and costly — the exploits and accomplishments of everyone concerned made the people quite happy (good riddance). We are almost home now but we still had a bit of backing up to do. The students finally figured out their army left and right after much contemplation and practice. The instructors, however now have serious doubts about which way is left or right.

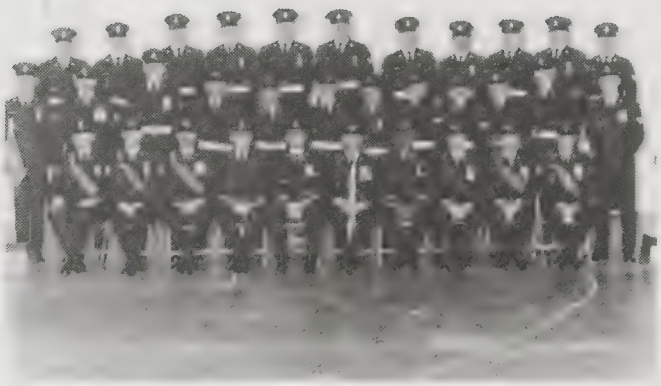
The final leg was done in total darkness. Soothing comments such as "if you drive over the cliff you'll be dead before we hit the bottom because I'LL BREAK YOUR NECK FIRST" echoed across the mountains. We made a few more friends with the civies with our high beams always on. The city of Calgary got a premature awakening by listening to the grinding of gears and screaming tires. We finally made it and the crowbars were taken out to pry the instructors' fingers off the sissy bar.

A beer or two awaited us at 0800 and that was it.

Driver Wheel Course 8002

SECTION COMMANDERS' COURSE

On 13 April 81, twenty candidates graduated from the 1 PPCLI Section Commanders' Course 8101. The Most Improved Candidate Award went to Pte Scheller of C Company; MCpl Soucie of Combat Support Company received the Top Candidate — 6A portion, along with a promotion to Sergeant; and the Top Candidate award went to Cpl Stapleford along with a promotion to MCpl.



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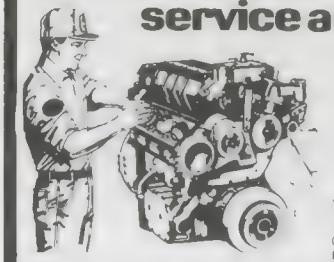

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After four weeks of practise and theory, the course packed weapons, equipment, trigger-happy gunners and beaucoup bullets for the move to Wainwright and the live-fire portion of the course.

The first night in Camp, the gunners suited actions to words and charged off to engage the town of Wainwright. Minor casualties only were reported due to the fact that Pte "'letters" Pilkey got a little "bottled up". During the following days, the gunners fired on targets small, large, hard, soft, moving and even targets they couldn't see. Targets were engaged with weapons on ground mounts, A-A mounts, mounted in Grizzly turrets and plain old firing from the hip. During the A-A shoot, Pte Foxton was credited with a direct hit on a paraflare. All the training must have sunk in. When students were given paraflares to light up a night shoot, they immediately tried to use them as direct fire weapons and one "gunner" used his deadly and accurate MMG to blow the mirror off his Grizzly. Targets collected at the end of the range practise indicated the effectiveness of the fire with some figure 11's showing literally hundreds of holes.

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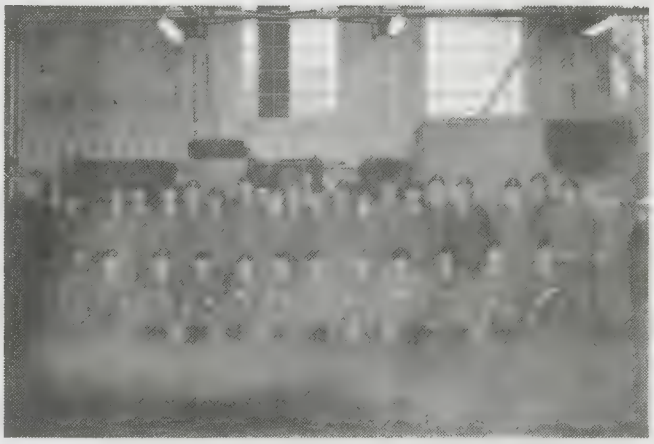

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French Grey Cup

The close of the Canadian Football League season coincided with the PPCLI French Grey Cup once again this year. Two strong teams, from Combat Support and Bravo Companies, met each other on 21 November in bitter cold and high winds to decide the champion of the 25-year old event.

Despite the cold weather and the enthusiasm of French Grey Cup Queens both teams put on an exciting performance for the fans. Combat Support Company proved to have the edge throughout the game and came up with a 14 to 2 victory over their well-fought opposition.

Several awards were presented during the contest. The best float trophy, won by Adm Coy and an award to Bravo Company's French Grey Cup Queen. Most Valuable Player Awards were won by Pte Sauve of Combat Support for Offence, Pte Lowe of Bravo for Defence, and Pte MacNeil of Combat Support for overall game MVP.

The French Grey Cup Queen 1980

Inter Unit Soccer

With the championship over and the First Bn PPCLI Team being the winners, the team will now hang up their sweaters and anxiously await the next year's season.

The championship game started with both teams playing an even up-and-down-the-field match of kick, pass and run. Then early in the second half, LdSH (RC) scored, raising their hopes for a win. Not allowing their morale to drop so low as not to recover, left winger Pte Adrian Oxley scored on a pass from Sgt Jack Rayner. The game was then tied in a touch and go ball pounding by both sides. Then in the dwindling last minute of the game, in a last ditch attempt, right winger MCpl Jednorog gave a long above-the-head pass to center-forward Sgt John Elson, who just barely reached it to put it in the unopposed goal mouth, clinching the 1980 Inter-Unit Soccer Championship.

The 1980 French Grey Cup Game

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Exercise Cold Winter

B Company 1 PPCLI recently returned from a successful tour of duty with a Norwegian Infantry Battalion, stationed in Northern Norway. Although sent to Norway with the mission of participating in Ex Cold Winter, a multi-nation NATO exercise, B Company was also able to take a few days R&R. The Company departed Calgary International Airport via 707 on 3 Mar and arrived in Bardufoss on 5 Mar, after a record delay in Trenton of only 24 hours.

The visit to Norway began with a three day work-up period, during which approximately fifty men were also able to go to the R&R Centre in Tromso. Although it is inappropriate here to record the activities of those on R&R, the personnel left in garrison worked hard to tie the Company into the Norwegian administration and command structures. The CO of the Battalion inspected the Company and its equipment prior to going on exercise and a party for Canadian and Norwegian Officers was also held in this period. 1 RCR were kind enough to host this particular party.

The Exercise itself began with a call-out to the Battalion's alarm stations and two days of defensive work during which final problems in co-ordination were smoothed out.

The remaining six days were in the advance phase of war, as the Brigade exercised its ability to drive an aggressor back from whence he came. After a hesitant start the "Boys of Company B" more than proved their worth. The journey of approximately 25 Kms through the Vassdalen Valley was marked by moderate rucksack loads, deep snow and an average temperature of -20 degrees Celsius (whoever named it Ex Cold Winter certainly wasn't kidding!!) The exercise was highlighted with a drop of British rations by our enemy, the Royal Marine Commandos, directly onto the Canadian position. The Royal Marines had occupied the ground the previous night, had withdrawn under cover of darkness, but neglected to inform their supply people. To the victor go the spoils! The exercise ended with an exciting Brigade attack against 42 and 45 Royal Marine Commandos by a US Marine Battalion and three Norwegian Battalions. B Company played a leading role in this attack. The battle began at first light and raged in the forest for four hours before the end-exercise signal was given. Tired but satisfied with the day's work B Company returned to garrison for two days of post-exercise clean-up.

The trip to Norway proved interesting to all ranks as it allowed for a comparison of armies and an exchange of views. The Norwegian Army relies on conscription to maintain Brigade North, which forms the bulk of its Active Force, and to support its Mobilization Brigades. The Norwegian Army is primarily European in structure.

The spectacular scenery of Norway was second only to Norwegian rations for conversation while on exercise. A certain Sgt in 5 Platoon was overheard to comment: "Most interesting ration scale. A definite change. Outstanding variety of fish. Certainly does not compare to bacon and eggs." The OC's nemesis, our FOO from 3 RCHA rationalized with "I intended losing weight from the beginning" and Pte Bernard, 4 Platoon was unavailable for comment as he was busy searching for his Scandinavian roots.

Overall, all ranks agreed the trip was interesting and worthwhile.

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With the parade over, it was time to finally get together to play, laugh and compete during a sports afternoon with all Patricias' having a grand old time, even with the cold, snappy wind biting away at everyone's exposed flesh.

As companies challenged and cheered each other on at broom-i-loo and handball, some tugged against each other at the tug-a-war game. Some members of the battalion really stood out in the crowd ... especially our Parade Colour Party who (as rumours have it) spent some $120 on liquid spirits at the Officers' Mess while simply putting away the Colours after the parade!!! One of these, our Battalion's "rookie Sgt", Sgt Ernie Smith (the pregnant human beer bottle) was seen holding onto the rope during the tug-a-war contest!! I guess after his hard task at the Officers' Mess, Ernie had it on his mind (boggled) to push, not pull!!! After all the play was over, Adm Company was awarded the broom-i-loo trophy by the lucky skin of their teeth and Cbt Support Coy took home the hand-ball, tug-a-war and the over-all winners trophy. It was finally time for the spectacle of the day.....the Senior NCOs won the Annual Senior NCO/Officers Broom-i-loo game.

Cbt Sp Coy receives the Tug-of-War Trophy

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THE SECOND BATTALION

Captain M. W. Brause

The introduction of the armoured personnel carriers was completed in the spring of 1980 and the Second Battalion officially became "MECHANIZED". Basic soldiering skills never change, but our means of transporting F Echelon into battle had gone from wheels and foot to the APC. With the completion of summer leave, all ranks looked forward to commencing a rigorous fall training programme, which included adventure training, annual weapons classification, mechanized infantry tactics, and a challenging physical fitness programme.

Exercise WANIPIGOW

Summer leave was over and Charlie Company, under Major Markell's direction, had prepared a rugged but enjoyable ten day adventure training course known as Exercise WANIPIGOW. Throughout Aug and early Sept, the entire battalion was rotated through, by company, to practise bushcraft, watermanship, canoeing, and survival. The battalion, during August, also hosted a platoon from 2 R22eR. The canoe trip consisted of white water and quite a few portages, and there was excellent fishing in Lake Wanipigow. A sturdy lean-to, freshly snared rabbit or fried fish, and a rigorous canoe trip each day added to the pleasure of this well planned, physically demanding exercise.

Fall Training

In September, the rifle companies moved to CFB Shilo to conduct annual weapons classifications, 2 x 10 milers, navigational exercises, and platoon level mechanized tactics. Pioneer platoon remained in Kapyong Barracks to reconstruct the obstacle course, repair a military community skating rink, carry on with trades pioneer tasks, and destroy three local radio towers. Anti-tank platoon practiced dry sessions in basic TOW skills and had a refresher AFV recognition course.

"OPERATION REVABELLA" was the exercise carried out by the pioneers to destroy three local radio towers. The exercise provided an opportunity for the RCMP, the Winnipeg police force and the pioneers to work together on demolitions. The police officers appeared most impressed with the pioneers' professional handling of explosives.

Operation "Revabella". (L-R) Capt Brause, Sgt Pritchard, WO Harron, Pte Wessell, Cpl Hawco, Capt Drew, Sgt Dobson, Cpl Grant, Pte Reid, Cpl Wolf, Sgt Johnston, Cpl Millen. "What remains of a Tower".
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During this period the 6B course was run in CFB Gagetown. As usual, not only did the Second Battalion represent the Patricias well, but the two top candidates on the course were WO Barry Cleveland and a close second, WO Bill Matthews.

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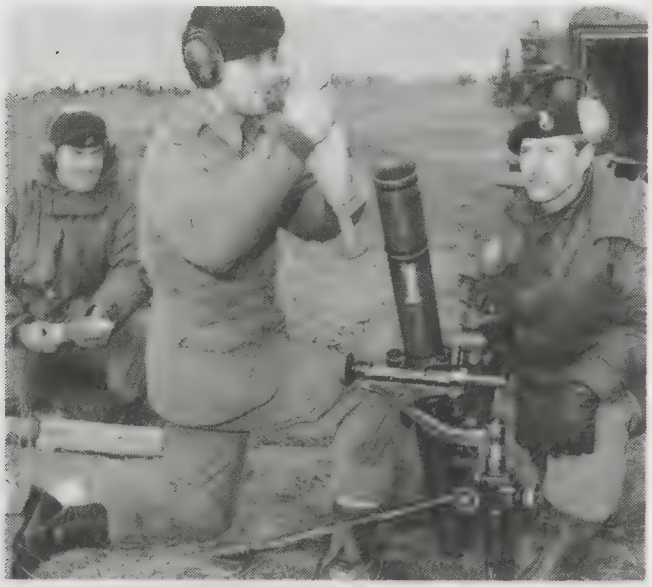
Exercise RAMPANT CHARGER

The battalion was in Camp Wainwright during October to reinforce its newly gained knowledge of mechanized tactics. This was the first time since 1970 that Second Battalion had deployed as a fully mechanized organization. Platoon, company and battalion training periods were scheduled, ending in a fast-paced battalion exercise, Rhine Valley I. The companies practiced leaguers, hides, contact drills, held-up drills, cross country navigation, and driving skills. A Company conducted a bridge demolition guard, utilizing pioneers as the demolition firing party, and B Company exercised in the enemy role to try to capture the demolition. Pioneers also perfected their skills, reconnoitering, laying and breaching minefields and other obstacles and working on special shaped charges on the demolition range; Armour Defence Platoon practiced defensive operations and conducted live fire .50 calibre battle runs; Signal Platoon conducted voice procedure exercises, line crew exercises and worked patiently with communicators of all levels to get our command radio nets operating efficiently. The battalion command post achieved notable success in their setting-up drills, and tactical movement by day and night.

Meanwhile, Mortar Platoon was enjoying another gun camp at CFB Shilo. They worked on dry training exercises until the battery and regimental commander's exercise, in which their accuracy was proven with live rounds.



The concentration was a significant success, and gave the unit the degree of polish in mechanized operations which separates the acceptable from the excellent. Of particular note was the excellent maintenance record achieved, and special thanks was given to the Maintenance Platoon for their hard work in responding to requests for repairs.

On return to Winnipeg the battalion was involved with NBCW and intelligence training. B Company instructed the RCMP Special Reaction Force in rappelling, house clearing, weapons training, and appreciations of the situation. A strong rapport developed between the RCMP and the B Company soldiers who worked together during their training. Another session was held from 8-14 May 81, with MWO Arndt in charge of the training, ably assisted by instructors from across the battalion. Sgt Smith from A Company conducted quick kill or instinctive shooting which was very well received, and MCpl Malcolm, C Company and MCpl Neatby, B Company, taught the RCMP all the basics in rappelling. Sgt Quilty and Sgt Hart, both from B Company, taught the RCMP the use of map and compass which proved very essential to the success of the training. Sgt. Alexander, B Company, taught coaching techniques (shooting) so that personnel could help each other improve their overall marksmanship capabilities.

A contingent of officers and men went to BFC Valcartier to participate in Exercise RITE SIMPLE from 8-22 Nov 80. The theme for the CPX was a defensive battle in North West Europe. The unit CP staff and intelligence cell received excellent benefits from the exercise and all ranks participating enjoyed the opportunity for a short visit to Quebec city.

December culminated with the annual LMI, which saw our vehicles and equipment get their requisite annual "once-over" by the maintenance inspection team from Calgary. On 18 Dec 80 the annual Men's Christmas Dinner was held. It was attended by the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, The Honourable Bud Jobin. The Air Command Band performed, but the highlights were the superb 2 PPCLI Drum Line, under the direction of Sgt 'Taffy' Gray, and our two tremendous pipers, Cpl Durant and MCpl Oliphant. LCol Bremner presented the Soldier of the Year award to Pte D. W. Gudmundsson from B Company, and everyone commenced a well earned Christmas leave.

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RAPIER THRUST 81

With the Christmas stand-down completed, the Second Battalion was prepared to tackle their winter exercise. Exercise RAPIER THRUST 81 was designed to practise the battalion in winter operations. The unit conducted a highly aggressive defence that used deception, concealment, movement and radio silence to entrap the enemy force trying to reconnoitre and break through our position. Deception meant digging two positions per company, one as an alternate and one that would be occupied once the enemy thrust was identified. In many cases patrolling was one of two ways a soldier could enjoy a break from digging. The only other way was an enemy attack! Radio silence made working efficiently more difficult, but minimizing communications and using runners between sub-units ensured that the security of the battalion was maintained. The enemy was never totally aware of the company positions. To assist our communications, miles of land line were laid by the Signals Platoon line crew. During the four day exercise the line crews' rigorous activities included laying and lifting over fifty miles of wire.

The exercise was the final phase to confirm the battalion's proficiency. Preliminary training had been conducted by the rifle companies and support platoons, with live fire training activities and mechanized operation in the winter environment being practised. TEWTs were conducted on mechanized warfare at the battalion level with all officers and senior NCOs.

Exercise RAPIER THRUST 81 was a test of basic soldiering, and the unit came through the test with flying colours.

(L-R) Pte White and Pte Long
"Taking aim at enemy vehs during Ex Rapier Thrust 81"

Pte Johnson
"There's gold in them there hills"

"Pnr P1 blows an ice bridge"

(L-R) Cpl Hawco
and RSM Smith
"That's how you wear it"

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(L-R) Major Bob Newman
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The Primary Combat Function Courses

The number of new soldiers within the Second Battalion, along with our mechanization, created a need to qualify personnel in most of the vital combat functions. Between 16 Feb 81 and 26 Mar 81, the following courses were run: Basic Assault Pioneer, Driver Track, Basic Communications, Basic Machine Gun, and the Driver Wheeled Course. A training company was formed with Major McDiarmid as company commander, Captain Loveridge as training/administration officer, MWO Paul as the sergeant-major, and a cadre of instructors for each course. The planning, preparations and co-ordination conferences were carried out during December 80 and January 81 and CWO Bakker prepared a two day instructors' refresher clinic in February 81. The courses graduated the successful students on 26 March 81. Some highlights of the course were:

a. ***Basic Assault Pioneer Course.*** A combination of theory and field instruction in demolitions, mine warfare, rope bridging, knots and lashings, pioneer equipment, culverts, maintenance and construction of roads, 'A' frame shelters, and NBC warfare produced a demanding and interesting pioneer course. The course had two field exercises which were conducted in CFB Shilo and Camp Wainwright. In CFB Shilo, rope bridges were built, decontamination centres were discussed, and simple and maximum firing circuit demolitions were prepared and fired. During the Camp Wainwright phase, steel cuting, stump blowing, and the setting of booby traps in buildings and on trails helped create an interesting and impressive ending to the field training. Cpl John Adam, Signal Platoon, was assessed as top candidate.

"Section preparing a simple charge" (L-R) Pte Casement, Lt Meta, Pte Williams, Cpl Lavallee (MA), MCpl O'Connor

"Preparing Bangalore Torpedoes to destroy a Type '2' fence"

2 PPCLI Pnr Course 8101

Rear Row: (L-R) Sgt Bailey, MCpl Simmons, Sgt Johnston, Sgt Pritchard

3rd Row: (L-R) Lt Bryan, Pte Kingshott, MCpl Trelnuk, Cpl Adam, Pte Casement, MCpl O'Connor, Pte Nunn,

2nd Row: (L-R) Pte Warford, Pte Hulan, Pte Cogle, Pte Drover, Pte Gehrke, Cpl Harte, MCpl Fink, Pte Williams, Pte Dougherty, Pte Gilks,

Front Row: (L-R) WO Harron, Capt Brause

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b. ***Driver Wheel Course.*** The always imperturbable Sgt G. D. Thompson had to do some scrambling to get the course successfully underway due to a lack of training publications, but despite this early hiccup, Drivers Course 8101 was into high gear by mid-February. During the initial phase of training, the tempo of activity was fast, with the students driving around the streets of Winnipeg and absorbing the intricacies of the internal combustion engine by day, and doing practical maintenance by night. The course moved to CFB Shilo, where driving Exercise SNOWY OWL was conducted, which provided a chance to see what the wheeled vehicles could do in the hinterlands of Shilo. The training was challenging, and the addition of a company of American soldiers added considerable interest to a successful course. Eighteen students graduated, and Cpl Moran earned the position of top student.

c. ***Driver Track Course.*** This year's driver track course was conducted at Winnipeg and Fort Carson, Colorado. The first four weeks were held at Kapyong Barracks. During this phase of training, the 48 students covered basic theory and some city driving. It has been quite some time since a track course was conducted around a metropolitan city such as Winnipeg. Everyone, including the instructors, found this to be a valuable and interesting approach to training. The remainder of the time in Winnipeg was spent in completing the theory portion of the course before the students started serious training in tactical driving at Fort Carson. In addition to participating in the driver track course, all members were part of the Small Unit Exchange with the 1/11 Infantry, 4 Infantry Mechanized Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. All the tactical driving was conducted there in a semi-arid environment with some very rugged terrain, approximately one mile above sea level. This situation exposed the students to new variables when driving. The driver track course accomplished its aims. It graduated 48 well qualified drivers, and all members of the course learned a great deal as well as having fun in the process.

2 PPCLI
Small Unit Exchange
BGen Brookshire, DComd
4 Inf Div (Mech) US, presenting graduation certificates on completion of course 8101 Driver Track at Fort Carson, Colorado, 27 May 81

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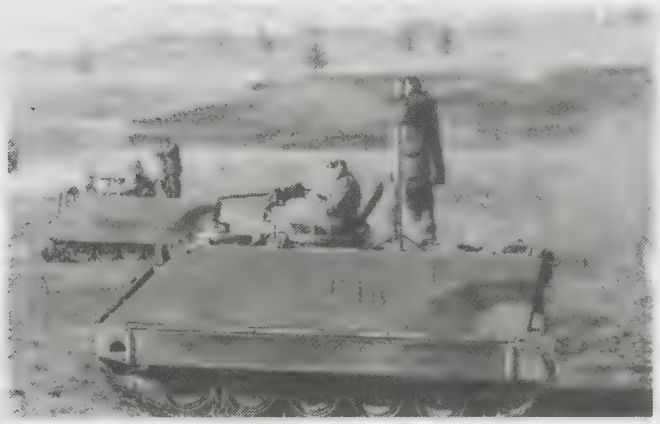
d. ***Machine Gun Course.*** Since the Second Battalion became mechanized, the machine guns have played a much more significant role. Each platoon and section now has its own integral fire support in the form of direct fire automatic weapons. Thus it was inevitable that this year's machine gun course was a large one, attempting to train enough soldiers to man the guns on their own section or detachment vehicle. With the usual high standard of professionalism demonstrated by the instructors, 33 candidates graduated. After completing the theory and TsOET's in Kapyong Barracks, the course moved to CFB Shilo. The candidates had an excellent opportunity to practise gun registration and the proper techniques of fire control. A significant quantity of ammunition was expended which, combined with hot, dry weather conditions, improved the fire fighting capabilities of the Second Battalion. The candidates enjoyed the course immensely and the battalion's capability to man its automatic weapons was greatly enhanced.



2 PPCLI Machine Gun Course
Pte McNichol firing MMG while Instructor holds up the antenna

2 PPCLI Machine Gun Course
Sgt "Steamer" Jones briefing troops on "Winning the fire fight"

e. ***Communications Course.*** Good communications are always in demand in an infantry battalion, and during the PCF cycle a very large course of 47 candidates was programmed to ensure the continuance of communications effectiveness. Under Capt Art Rent's competent direction, the instructors prepared a rigorous package which included theory in Kapyong Barracks, and Exercise SNOWY OWL which was a practical exercise to confirm that the candidates had acquired the knowledge and skills to be infantry communicators. At the commencement of the course, the voice procedure was enough to cause grey hair to appear on the instructors, but perserverance paid off and correct voice procedure was learned eventually. MCpl P.J. Henry was assessed as the top candidate.

Small Unit Exchange

A small unit exchange programme was organized with the 1/11 Infantry, 4 Infantry Mechanized Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. The 2 PPCLI APC course did all their practical testing and tactical driving in Fort Carson, and in return, 2 PPCLI hosted 'B' Company, 1/11 Inf (Mech) from 15 March to 3 April 81. The American soldiers toured Kapyong Barracks to envision how a Canadian Mechanized Battalion operated. They were highly impressed with the soldiers' training and the high standard of maintenance on the M113s. After enjoying the sights of Winnipeg, the American company went to CFB Shilo with B Company, 2 PPCLI. After a tour of the base facilities and the German lines, then the Americans were given the opportunity to fire our personal weapons and the Patricias viewed the M16 in action. The exchange was thoroughly enjoyed by both units and will undoubtedly be the beginning of a lasting relationship.

Bravo Company firing M16's and Grenade Launchers

BGen Cotter inspects men from B Coy, 4 Inf Div (Mech) US Army — Capt Kinney, OC.

Sgt Thistlewaite and MCpl Degas demonstrating the FNC1A1 Rifle to American troops

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March was extremely busy. The PCF cycle was well underway and two very important events were being prepared for: the Regimental Day on 17 March 81, and 1 CBG Commander's Inspection the following day.

The battalion celebrated the Regimental Day with a parade at which messages from our Colonel-in-Chief and the Colonel of the Regiment were read. LCol Bremner presented the trophies for the winning company in volleyball and floor hockey with C Company taking both honours. Inter-company broom-i-loo was played during the mid-morning and the culmination of the day's activities was the annual officers vs senior NCOs broom-i-loo contest. The senior NCOs won this year, but the officers gained revenge later in April when they handily defeated the senior NCOs in their annual hockey game.

BGen J.A. Cotter, Commander 1 CBG, conducted his annual inspection of the battalion on 18 March 81. The day commenced with a parade, followed by an inspection of the unit lines, and a chance for our Commander to meet and speak with members of all ranks. The Commander was accompanied by his RSM, CWO Witt, well known and respected throughout the unit for his long service with the Regiment.

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Brigade Commander's Inspection The General Salute on the arrival of BGen Cotter

Brigade Commander's Inspection BGen Cotter inspects a B company soldiers' weapon

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LCol Bremner presents the volleyball champions trophy to Pte Randall of Charlie Company

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LCol Bremner presents the floor hockey champions trophy to Pte Ritche of Charlie Company

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Thirtieth Anniversary — Battle of Kapyong

On Saturday, April 25th, the thirtieth anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong was commemorated. This is the most significant event in the battalion's history and was suitably celebrated this year with a mounted parade, a veterans' luncheon, a cloth model presentation and social functions.

The day's celebrations began with a review of the battalion by the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, and a roll past of all of the unit's APCs. Many distinguished military and civilian guests were present, including Colonel (retired) J.R. Stone, the battalion's first commanding officer and in command at Kapyong. On parade with the battalion were members of: 'G' Battery, 3 RCHA, who fired a 15 gun royal salute; two CH 136 and a CH 135 from 408 Squadron; and a 106 mm recoilless rifle detachment from each of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles and the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment. The combination of six 50-man guards, seventy APCs, a flypast of CF 5 aircraft from Cold Lake, and other attractions created a spectacular sight which impressed the many Kapyong veterans who had been able to join us, as well as the many residents of Winnipeg who were in attendance. The parade was subsequently shown on Winnipeg public television with good response from the viewers.

"MARCH ON THE COLOURS" Colour Officer Lt Brause and Lt Bartlett, Colour WO MWO Bakker, Escorts Sgt Best and Sgt Rushworth

"The Manitoban Korean Choir entertains the veterans at the luncheon"

"The Lt-Gov of Manitoba and Retired LCol Jim Stone inspect the parade"

After an enjoyable luncheon, a cloth model presentation of the battle was presented to the veterans and guests. The presentation was a multi-visual, taped production done with three large screens as well as a scale-model replica of the entire battlefield. The presentation covered the recruitment, training and despatch of 2 PPCLI to Korea, as well as the actual battle. The presentation came to an emotional conclusion to the strains of "Amazing Grace" and all in attendance were impressed by the authenticity and professionalism. The project officer, Major Ralph McDiarmid, is to be congratulated on the very fine display.

(L-R) Sgt Thornhill, MCpl Donk, Sgt (Ret't) Pushenko, Col Stone, Sgt Dobson "Col Stone briefs members on the Battle of Kapyong"

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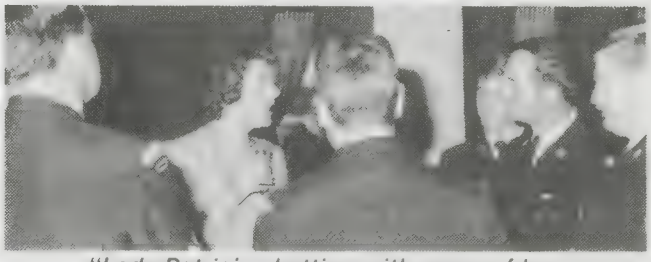
The Colonel-in-Chief's Visit 12 May 81

Our Colonel-in-Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma, had the opportunity to visit the Second Battalion on May 81, after she had attended the trooping conducted by the First Battalion. A one hundred man Guard of Honour, commanded by Major Gene Markell, greeted Lady Patricia on her arrival to Kapyong Barracks. She was briefed on the unit's activities, attended a reception with the junior ranks, and then was hosted by the warrant officers and sergeants.

That evening the officers and their ladies were with the Colonel-in-Chief for dinner, also attended by the Lieutenant Governor, the Colonel of the Regiment and many other regimental dignitaries. Her visit was tremendously significant for the battalion, and was a highlight of our year. All ranks were delighted to see her again back at "regimental duty".

"Lady Patricia reviews the Guard of Honour"

Lady Patricia speaking with a member of the Guard of Honour



"Lady Patricia chatting with some of her Patricia's at the Men's Mess"

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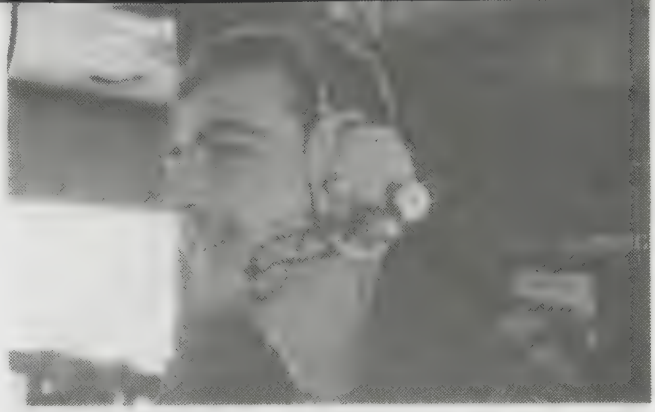
RENDEZVOUS 81

Exercise RV 81 was the title for the divisional concentration held at CFB Gagetown from 1 June 81 to 6 July 81. It was designed to develop and confirm battlecraft skills in defensive operations from platoon to brigade level. The battalion's training activities were conducted in three phases. The first phase involved individual training including instinctive shooting on the jungle lane range, a grenade assault course, MAW and LAW firing at hard targets, rifle classification practises on a conventional range, and mounted battle runs with the APCs' watermanship and platoon and section training. Mortar Platoon worked with 'G' Battery, 3 RCHA, and the Pioneer Platoon concentrated with 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, for combined training, which proved to be most productive.

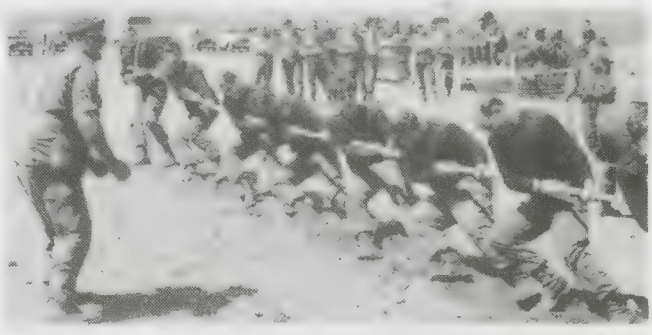
Phase II stressed collective, combined arms training at the battalion level by means of five separate exercises, including Exercise RIGID FINGER, which was a two day airmobile assault at battalion level which included the use of Cobra attack helicopters, fighter aircraft and tactical transport helicopters. Exercise PRAIRIE RIDGE was a company-level defensive exercise supported by the leopard tanks of C Sqn RCD and the cougars of A Sqn LDSH, B Bty 3 RCHA, 2 Sqn EW from 1 CSR, and US Army attack helicopters as well as close air support missions. Exercise ROYAL CONCERT was a combat team level field firing exercise of approximately ten hours duration and tested each rifle company in the defence under live fire conditions. Exercise PUNGENT ODOUR was conducted to practise chemical warfare drills, starting with personnel and vehicles in the open state, then in the close state practising communications and movement, and finally ending at two stands set up by the pioneers which demonstrated vehicle and personnel decontamination centres. Exercise RHINE VALLEY III was conducted in Gagetown during the period 17-19 June 81. It was a mobile defence exercise at the battlegroup level designed to prepare the battalion for the upcoming division exercise. The ground and tactical scenario were identical to that for Exercise PATRIOT WARRIOR and sub-units were given the opportunity to recce and prepare battle positions and to install many of the obstacles used in the battalion obstacle plan.

The final phase of training was the divisional exercise, conducted from 2-6 July 81. This exercise tested all elements of the division in a high intensity defensive scenario based on operations in North West Europe. A hectic schedule, but one which proved that the Second Battalion's battlecraft skills are indeed "second to none".



Pte Baronbrook enjoying a ride in a Huey during the Heliborne training

"War is Hell"



Sport Competition: 2 PPCLI Tug-o-War Team coached by WO Harron

"A fine cooked meal" (L-R) MCpl Donk and Pte Kazakoff

B Coy at the finish line of the Divisional Sports Day Force March

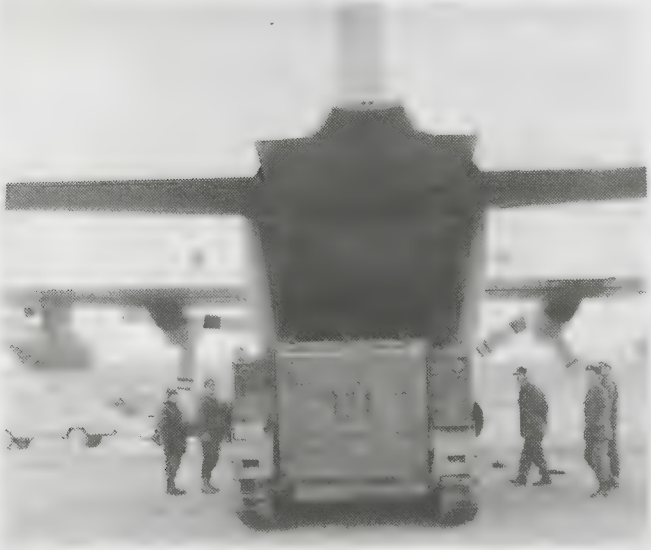
Change of Regimental Sergeant Major Parade

On 20 July 81, LCol J.S. Bremner, Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, presided over the change of Regimental Sergeants-Major at the unit. The ceremony saw CWO (RSM) G. R. Smith turn over to CWO (RSM) J. M. Clarke.

RSM Smith enrolled in the Canadian Army in 1953 as a member of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Since then he has seen service in Korea, Cyprus and all parts of Canada both as a Queen's Own and later as a member of the PPCLI. Mr. Smith served as the Regimental Sergeants-Major at the unit. The ceremony present. He will be leaving Winnipeg to assume the position of Brigade RSM at 1 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters, CFB Calgary.

RSM Clarke returns to Winnipeg after spending the last year at Mobile Command Headquarters in St Hubert, Que. No stranger to the Second Battalion, Mr Clarke left only one year ago after several years service in the unit. He can look forward to a very busy two years as the RSM.

"The Commanding Officer of 2 PPCLI, LCol JS Bremner, flanked on the left by his outgoing RSM, CWO GR Smith and on the right by the incoming RSM, CWO JW Clarke"



Ex Sovereign Viking — Cpl Jones Crew Commands an APC off the airfield at Resolute Airport

Exercise SOVEREIGN VIKING

As part of the Canadian Forces continuing commitment to retain an all season presence in Canada's arctic, 2 PPCLI was tasked to exercise in the far North during the period Aug-Oct 1981. A forward arctic base was established at Resolute, made up primarily of elements of the unit's A Echelon, and A and C Companies each spent just over thirty days conducting high arctic patrols on Cornwallis, Bathhurst and Somerset Islands. Over 250 men of the battalion took part, and learned most valuable lessons about surviving and operating in Canada's North. The battalion was joined by members of several militia units, by three teams of research scientists from Laval, Memorial and Windsor Universities, and by elements of 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, 1 Canadian Signal Regiment, 1 Service Battalion, and 1 Field Ambulance. Exercise SOVEREIGN VIKING was an unqualified success and a most significant part of the 2 PPCLI training year. Major Piere LaChapelle was the exercise commander, and he is now justifiably viewed as the unit's "arctic expert", having spent the entire exercise period of over ninety days in Resolute. He was ably assisted while there by MWO R. W. Bannister, newly arrived in the Regiment from R22eR.

Ex Sovereign Viking — "A Long Range Patrol commencing their exercise"

Ex Sovereign Viking — The Aircrew unloading an APC off a Hercules at Resolute Airport

SUMMARY

A demanding but very productive year has been experienced in the Second Battalion during 1980-81. From the rigorous and extensive adventure training programme to combat and career courses, the officers and men have set for themselves high standards and have had little difficulty in meeting or exceeding their goals, well representing our Regiment. With pride, the men of the Second Battalion not only proved their capabilities as field soldiers, but also performed impressively on parade for the Kapyong celebration.

To conclude, we of the Second Battalion will leave you a soldier's point of view of the Regiment:

PATRICIAS

And the wind blows, a blistering cold;
the Patricias move on, for they are bold.

Some will be wounded, others will die;
still fighting on, they have to try.

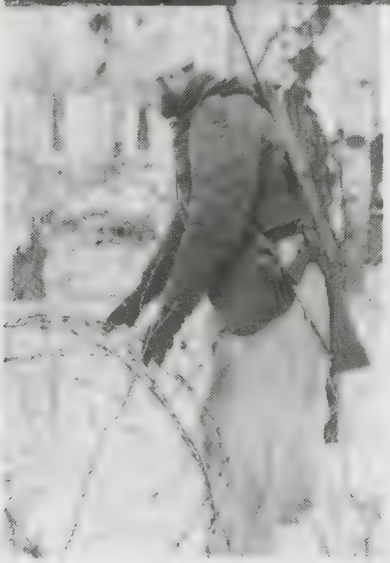
All is still, the first round fires;
Patricias drive on, even though tired.

The battle is long, forever in ending;
weak enemy lines, are finally bending.

Surrounded by death, a red crimson ground;
Patricias move on, to an end unfound.

And the wind blows, a deathly cold . . .

Pte Crosley C. W.



THE THIRD BATTALION

The western flank is secure once again as the Third Battalion returned home to Victoria, BC from a six month tour in Cyprus. Despite Air Command's best efforts to make our stay a little longer, everyone was home by October third. The month of October saw the Battalion on leave for a well earned rest before starting the inevitable shakeout from the UN posture. As well as organizational changes, the Battalion had to adjust from peace keeping to preparing for war. Individual training was confirmed early in December by company and battalion level patrolling exercises on the west coast. Christmas dinner was eaten in garrison at Work Point Barracks, signalling yet another period of leave ending the year 1980.

January saw the Battalion immersed in training courses, with three Grizzly AVGP driver courses being added to the normal load. The AVGP was new and provided a challenge to the instructors who learned as they taught. The end of March saw most courses finishing and mid April saw the Battalion at sea again. This time it was only to ferry the Battalion vehicles to the mainland prior to the road move to Fort Lewis, Washington. Ex Pacific Warrior was the Battalion's first chance to use the Grizzly and it proved to be interesting. The American ranges, not to mention their hospitality, helped to make it a useful and enjoyable time for all participants.

Fort Lewis provided a chance for the Battalion to shake out prior to Exercise RV 81 in Gagetown, NB. From the initial rail move to the mud and dust of the Enniskillen Road, RV 81 lived up to everyone's expectations. A variety of special operations not normally possible on the west coast were carried out. The return to Victoria saddled the Battalion with the Immediate Response Unit task until August first. It was hard working half days in sunny Victoria, but it helped to prepare the Battalion for block leave.

Although it has been a busy year, the Champagne Battalion shouldered all responsibility with it's usual gusto and found time for the occasional bit of showmanship — as displayed by the Military Tattoo on Victoria Day weekend. No matter what the tasking though, sunny Victoria, in beautiful British Columbia, where the flowers bloom all year, is a great setting that makes life in the Third just a bit more pleasant.

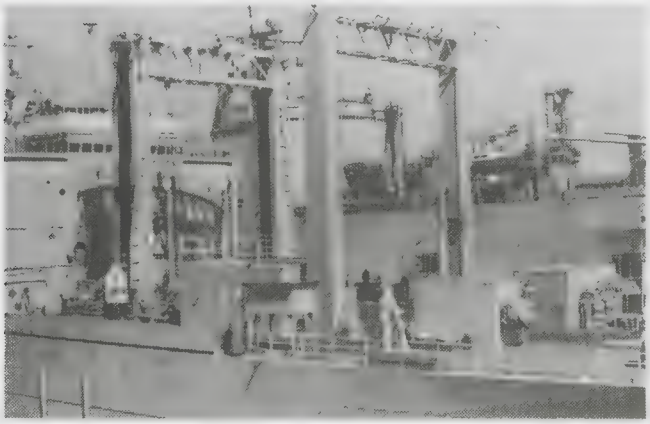
The return from Cyprus included a barrack-box-stuffing competition carefully monitored by Canada Customs

Sgt Tucker keeps an eye out for the plane while Three Platoon checks out of Cyprus

MGen Brown practices his culinary technique as he carves the turkey for the Men's Christmas Dinner

"Have you ever been to sea, Billy?"

"Singing In The Rain"



Members of 3 PPCLI quickly grew their sea legs, not to mention their close-quarters-navigational skills while aboard ship. The "pointy" end is the front!!

Exercise PEACE MAKER 80

Exercise Peace Maker 80 was a battalion level amphibious exercise, carried out on the west coast of Vancouver Island in early December.

Despite the monsoon style rain, the battalion embarked on HMCS Provider and sailed up to Port Renfrew. A challenging landing resembling the Dunkirk evacuation ensued, but by last light the battalion was ashore. Each company continued on to it's respective objective over some of the worst terrain the rain forest could provide. The exercise was a challenge for all who participated and served to reaffirm our commitment as infantrymen first and foremost.

B Coy brought everything except the fishing rods. The assault on the beach was successful despite the tides' attempt to make life miserable

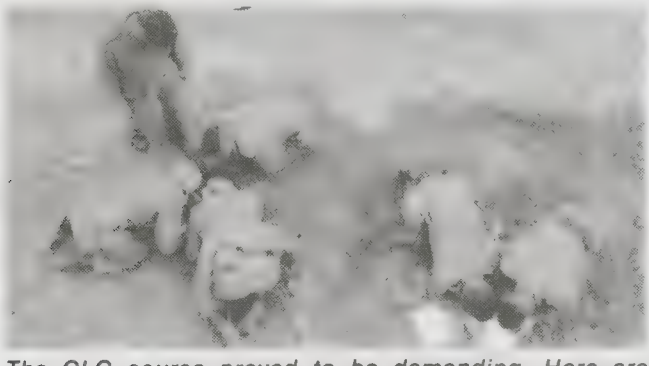
Pte Knowlzowski anchors Cbt Sp Coys' tug-o-war team during Freezenberg Day festivities

C Coy's chariot and queen roll past

This picture may be of CSM Johnston on his way to work, but is in fact his winning style in the Chain of Command Race

Sgt Cowen leads his section towards the finish line during the Military Skills competition, held during Freezenberg Day celebrations

MGen Ware faces off with RSM Buxton to start the Officers vs Sr NCOs Broom-i-loo Game. 1981 saw the Officers allow the Sr NCOs to win (otherwise morale might have suffered).



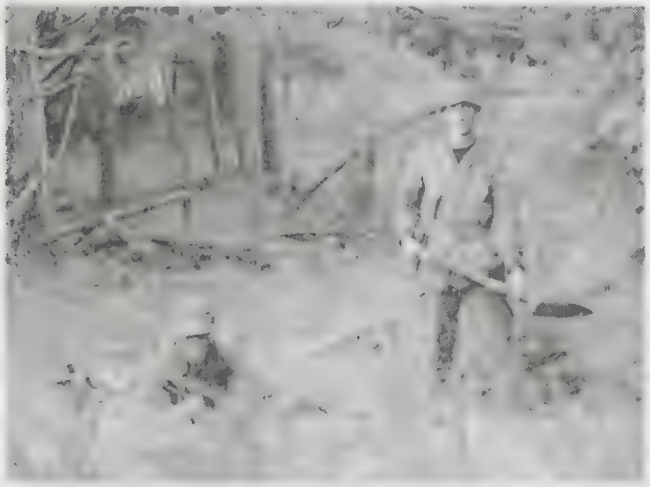
The CLC course proved to be demanding. Here are candidates trying to locate the shortest route to MacDonalds'.

Pte Voutour demonstrates the correct way to recce a nudist colony

The Grizzly driver course proved to be as enlightening for the instructors as for the students. Three courses were held, each culminating in a week of cross country training in Ft Lewis, Wash

Ski School at Silver Star, BC saw A Coy paying strict attention to Ernie. B Coy stayed on the Island and assisted in the Molson Marathon at Mt Washington. In both cases, the time was appreciated by all.

MCpl Simmons records Pioneer Platoons' training for posterity



MCpl Gerard displays the fine form that allowed him to "mine" his way through the Ft Lewis gravel beds

Major McKeown, Ops O, prepares himself on the range. Since then he has become an advocate of shotgun use.

Exercise PACIFIC WARRIOR

Exercise Pacific Warrior was conducted during April in Fort Lewis, Washington. The Battalion completed it's annual weapons classification along with it's first introduction to the AVGP Grizzly. The American facilities provided a welcome change from the rain forest of Vancouver Island. The night-life was appreciated as well. The Exercise served as an excellent shakeout for RV 81 and confirmed that the Battalion was back in fighting form after it's post-Cyprus reorganization.

Cpl Robbins helped keep the LAW range safe as the Battalion completed it's annual weapons qualification

Sgts' Pollock and Pryce from Sigs P1 prepare to move out

Capt Logan, 2ilc A Coy, discusses the lunch menu with several members of the company. Ex Pacific Warrior was the first battalion exercise using the newly acquired AVGP Grizzly.

"Yes Virginia, the Battalion Command Post does move", as it's members learned only too well during Exercise Pacific Warrior. The deception plan worked so well even the SDS was fooled

MCpl Thorgierson demonstrates his ability to move and navigate with his eyes closed during Ex Pacific Warrior in Ft Lewis, Wash

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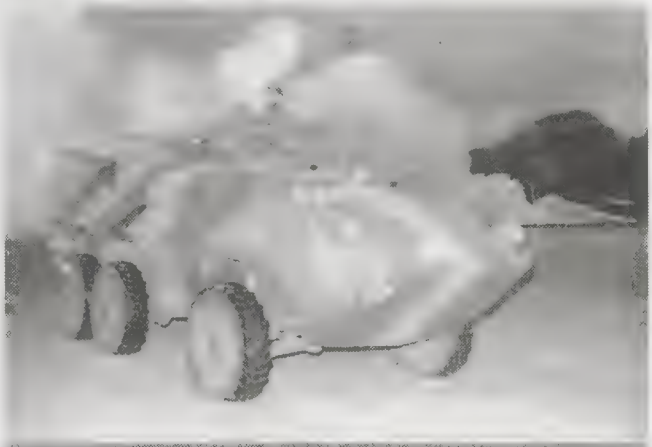
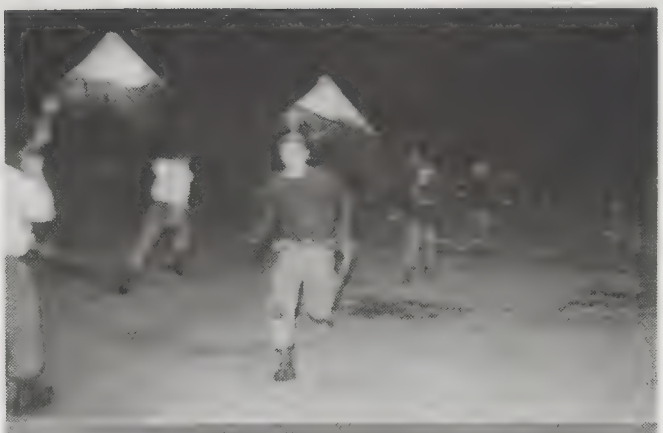
Victoria Day Celebrations

Victoria Day celebrations take on a special meaning to the Garden City. This year's festivities were even more so as the Third Battalion exercised it's right to march through the city and perform a Military Tattoo as well.

The afternoon of 17 May saw the Battalion march up to the front of the Legislative Buildings where the Mayor invited LCol Vernon to exercise the right to march through the city of Victoria. The parade was appreciated by Victorians as the Battalion made its' way through the downtown streets.

The evening performance by the Battalion was observed by over eight thousand spectators. The Tattoo included a recap of Regimental history, an unarmed combat demonstration, the music from eight different brass and pipe bands, as well as the final battle scene where the good guys won. The crowd went away truly pleased and the satisfaction of a job well done remained with all participants.





RETIREMENT

The Battalion witnessed the retirement of RSM Guillet after twenty five years of service. LCol Vernon offers best wishes on his retirement

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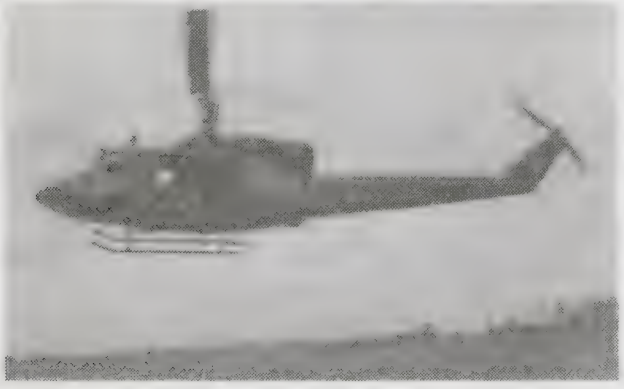
RV 81

A Coy takes time out for lunch

RV 81 provided an opportunity to swim the Grizzlys' for the first time. Those are not fishing rods on the back

Capt Coueffin, Sigs O displays his award winning style in duty officermanship



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Change of Command

The Third Battalion witnessed the Change of Command at Work Point Barracks at 1100 hours 21 Jul 81. LCol Brian Vernon handed over his command to LCol Christopher Wellwood. The Battalion turned out on parade to say farewell to their old Commanding Officer and to welcome LCol Wellwood.

LCol Vernon is off to Queenscliff, Australia where he will join the staff at the Australian Staff College.

LCol Wellwood comes from NDHQ in Ottawa and most recently from French language training.

LCol Wellwood makes his first address to his battalion

LCol Vernon hands over command of the Third Battalion to LCol Wellwood, while BGen Cotter and MGen Ware look on

LCol Vernon inspects his battalion for the last time, accompanied by BGen Cotter and His Honour BGen Bell-Irving, Lieutenant Governor of British columbia

LCol Vernon takes the salute from his battalion as it marches past

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Faces of the Battalion

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY BATTLE SCHOOL

The past year has seen many changes at 1 Operational Training Detachment — now finally and officially the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle School. Building 185, after complete renovations, has become our new Headquarters and is a vast improvement over Building 176. The physical move took place in early April 81. All Headquarters Staff are delighted with the new offices. After all, how many Sergeants Major do you know who have plush carpeting, decorator panels and real leather upholstered chairs in their offices?

As in past years, we have regretfully seen many of our people depart the School for new postings — Maj MacDonald is now at FORCECOM HQ Ft McPherson, Georgia, Capt JA MacLellan posted to RSS Det Winnipeg; MWO Brausen to PPCLI Calgary; Sgt Bludd to 1 PPCLI Calgary; Sgt Culbertson to 2 Airborne Commando Petawawa; MCpl Mihalus is on his first phase of training under the LOTRP at Kingston. In addition, MCpl Tychynski and MCpl Kallman were posted to the First and Second Battalion respectively. Because Sgt LePage filled the position of Chief Clerk so ably, he was posted to Camp Headquarters as a reward. Sgt Mugridge moved into the vacant position on 1 May 81.

To offset our losses the following personnel have been posted into the Battle School: Capt Hale is Adjutant, RSM Bakker, WOs Day and Schulz, Sgts Hoffart, Knowles, Miller, Rideout, MCpls Berridge, Barber, Fletcher, Gardiner, Gelinas, Labby, Usipiuk, Watt, Cpl Hicks and Pte Galaski.

Recent well earned promotions in the Battle School were WO Brausen to MWO; MCpl Blades to Sgt; MCpl Sirois to Sgt; MCpl Mugridge to Sgt; MCpl Bailey to Sgt; Capt John Klie and Sgt Mike Williams were promoted to their respective ranks while on increment staff at the School.

10 July 81 saw the first part of our Change of Command Ceremonies. Major AJ MacDonald relinquished his command of the Battle School under the watchful eyes of the DCDS Vice Admiral Allen and Brigadier General Cotter. The second half of the parade took place in early October when Lieutenant Colonel RL Dallison was able to slow down after his arrival. He arrived in early September and immediately went on Op "HOLLY" and did not really take command until his return from the North.

In addition to our normal TQ 3 Courses, the School has successfully taught two Junior Leader Courses, a Rappel Master Course, an abbreviated Winter Warfare Instructors Course (a balmy winter wouldn't cooperate with WO Denny Brausen at all!) However, the great news is that an experimental TQ 2/3 Course proved so successful that we have received authority to conduct at least three more beginning with Course Serials 8160/8161 both slated for 2 PPCLI Winnipeg.

In tabular form we have conducted the following TQ 3 Courses since our last report:

Name	Serial	Awards	Name	Total Grads
Agira	8002	Top Recruit	Foxton PD	1 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Beauchamp JD	25 Grads
		Fitness Award	Foxton PD	
		Most Improved	Watson RB	
Liri Valley	8003	Top Recruit	Graham JH	1 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	McDonald	18 Grads
		Fitness Award	Joy WA	
		Most Improved	Stephenson JB	
Naviglio Canal	8004	Top Recruit	Kazakoff RP	2 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Howarth DL	18 Grads
		Fitness Award	Johnson CTH	
		Most Improved	Gunn AH	
Italy	8005	Top Recruit	Greubel KR	3 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Sapera TJ	17 Grads
		Fitness Award	Cousineau JDD	
		Most Improved	Tremblay JL	
Amiens	8006	Top recruit	Van Haren AJ	1 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Bester J	33 Grads
		Fitness Award	Verch DI	
		Most Improved	Brunk MR	
Frezenberg	8007	Top Recruit	Vandenberg AB	1 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	D'Hont FR	21 Grads
		Fitness Award	Neepin GL	
		Most Improved	Cloutier BG	
Scarpe	8008	Top Recruit	Kisslinger DW	2 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Ray MJ	20 Grads
		Fitness Award	Ritchie DL	
		Most Improved	McNeil DF	
Canal Du Nord	8009	Top Recruit	Lemna DE	1 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Ratcliffe CM	26 Grads
		Fitness Award	Key GS	
		Most Improved	Robb DW	

Mons	8010	Top recruit	MacDonald DA	3 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Curson FJ	33 Grads
		Fitness Award	Zieffle LO	
		Most Improved	Tingley WH	
Sicily	8101	Top Recruit	Vollhoffer SR	2 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Freed GP	34 Grads
		Fitness Award	Larabie ED	
		Most Improved	Greer RM	
Leon Forte	8102	Top recruit	Waugh CJ	3 PPCLI
		Marskmanship	Waugh CJ	20 Grads
		Fitness Award	Waugh CJ	
		Most Improved	Southern KG	
Moro	8103	Top Recruit	Cook JA	2 PPCLI
		Marskmanship	Bombay CT	28 Grads
		Fitness Award	Verzyl AB	
		Most Improved	Hebert GJ	
Kapyong	8150A	Top Recruit	Murphy TA	2 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Osborne KTM	21 Grads
		Fitness Award	Pirolla JA	
		Most Improved	Whyte DI	
Korea	8150B	Top Recruit	Waldron JE	3 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Barley MW	18 Grads
		Fitness Award	Marten PG	
		Most Improved	Fast CJ	
Gully	8104	Top Recruit	Croucher LR	1 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Nadeau MJ	30 Grads
		Fitness Award	Holland BD	
		Most Improved	Sheppard DH	
Hitler Line	8106	Top Recruit	Torfason KE	2 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Goencz RB	27 Grads
		Fitness Award	Racicot JYJ	
		Most Improved	Jeffers RM	
Gothic Line	8107	Top recruit	Fitzpatrick GM	1 PPCLI
		Marksmanship	Begin JP	28 Grads
		Fitness Award	Fitzpatrick GM	
		Most Improved	Reimer JD	

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PPCLI BAND

All too quickly it seems, another year has come and gone. It was a busy year for the PPCLI Band, one in which some personnel changes took place, the band travelled extensively and was involved in a wide variety of engagements both in Canada and south of the border.

Captain Ron Swaneveld, CD took command of the Band in the summer of 1980. He replaced Major Jean Francis Pierret, CD who retired after many years in the Canadian Forces Band system. Under the direction of Captain Swaneveld, many changes have been introduced into the Band's program. The Band now has an exciting new sound and format in concert, incorporating aspects of a stage band, a concert band and a show band. More changes are yet to come.

Our Assistant Director of Music, CWO RH (John) French came to the Band in 1979 as our Acting Chief. We were very happy to see John finally receive his long awaited promotion to CWO this past winter.

As was previously mentioned, the Band spent a lot of time travelling during the last year. Concert tours and recruiting tours have taken us to many parts of Alberta and beyond. Within Alberta we carried the PPCLI name to places such as Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Ponoka, Westaskiwin, Barrhead, Drayton Valley, Canmore, Brooks and Edmonton to mention a few.

Out of province, we performed last September for a week at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana. In July of this year, the Band went to Kimberly, BC, to play a series of concerts and march in the annual July First parade. We were very well received there by all who heard us and are looking forward to a return trip.

Naturally, we took part in our share of parades and other military functions over the year. The highlight of these was the Trooping of the Colour on 8 May with 1 PPCLI. This event was significant because our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia was the Reviewing Officer. After many long hours and days of rehearsal the big day finally arrived. Unfortunately, the weather did not co-operate. In pouring rain and almost freezing weather the Trooping went on as scheduled. That aside, Lady Patricia was very pleased with the sharpness and drill of all the participants.

Right on the heels of the Trooping, the Band flew to Victoria for a Freedom of the City parade and a mini-tattoo. After a series of quick rehearsals, the tattoo was performed before a very appreciative audience on Victoria Day. Due to the format of the tattoo, which included six bands, 3rd Battalion PPCLI, and many support units, a lot of us were reminded of the Centennial Tattoo which toured Canada in 1967. This one was not as big but was still very impressive.

The coming year looks as though it will be even busier than the past. We are anticipating a wide variety of engagements throughout Alberta and Western Canada.

Director of Music —
Captain Ron Swaneveld

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CWO R. H. "John" French

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2 AIRBORNE COMMANDO

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The Commandos' normal activities over the last year have taken a drastic change. For the first time, since the 1974 conflict, we are keeping the peace in Cyprus. We tried, however, to fit a full training year into the last five months before our departure in March.

The Commando has undergone a number of changes in the past couple of years and many of the ex-jumpers who served with the Commando in the past will be surprised to learn that the Airborne Regiment has been re-organized into three Commandos, each being Regimentally manned. The consequence of this is that 2 Commando is now almost completely composed of Patricias. There is a feeling among many of the older Airborne troopers here, that we have lost something special by this re-organization, but this certainly hasn't shown in the field.

Not all Patricias here in the Regiment are in 2 Commando, as there are still a large number scattered about in Regimental Headquarters and in the Service Commando. The head Patricia is still the Regimental Commander; Colonel Dick Cowling. Others in RHQ included Major Ray Crabbe (now LCol and CO 1 PPCLI), Major Dave Stevenson (recently promoted to that rank and now about to leave us for places unknown), Capt Ray Romses (now on exchange with The Para Regt), Capt Barry Lewis, Capt Mike Morneault and Capt Ross McLaughlin.

As a result of our deployment to Cyprus, the Commando has remained very stable in structure with the exception of the CO. Major Ed Peterson has packed his parachute and moved to RSS Winnipeg, handing over to Major Bill Bewick, former CO of the Regimental Depot. Other than that, things remain the same with MWO Bud Fisher still firmly at the helm as Commando Sergeant-Major.

2 Commando Change of Command Parade

Major Bill Bewick takes over from Major Ed Peterson, while the Regimental Commander, Colonel Cowling looks on.

EXERCISES

2 Commando participated in Ex RIGOR SPIKE and Ex RITE SIMPLE IX in November 80 and commenced unit training in earnest in December with Ex OPEN NOVEL I; section and platoon winter warfare drills. Ex OPEN NOVEL II followed in Janurary, where QUICK RIG, DZ and Commando level drills were exercised culminating in a Commando in the defence field firing exercise.

Ex OPTIC NERVE (22 Jan - 1 Feb 81) in Shilo culminated winter training in a Regimental level exercise against 1 RCR, where the latter were literally slaughtered several times over by the former. The exercise was most memorable, however, because of a 24 hour weather delay which allowed us to watch Oakland win the Superbowl.

Upon return to Petawawa (by 707 through Trenton), we re-configured to our Cyprus ORBAT and most of us managed to get away on two or three weeks leave. Rear party went on to Ft Bragg on exercise with 3 Commando and from there to Victoria, BC for a little less-demanding training.

On 19 March, we all packed our kit bags and headed off towards the rising sun and the Isle of Aphrodite.

The Colours are marched off the departure parade and onto the aircraft at Trenton 19 March 1981.

Leaving Trenton at 0°F, at 0400 hours in the morning in jungle boots, lightweight pants, Tee-shirt, smocks and maroon berets was quite an experience. It was worth every second of it when we got off the plane at RAF Akrotiri and saw the customs, UN and RAF officials' faces. A quick change of headgear and there we were.

The Commando instantly became a sports legacy, winning every Regimental competition and trophy and placing first in every inter-unit sport. We became so much of a powerhouse that the other units took to calling us Sports Commando and claiming that we didn't even man the line. So what if we left the line unmanned in order to fill out the soccer team? I'm sure the Greeks and Turks didn't mind!

2 Commando Soccer Team. 1981 Canadian Near East Champions, undefeated in league play. Our goals for and against record was 100 to 6

2 Commando Fastball Team
Canadian Near East Champs
Cyprus 81

Our list of triumphs was endless, but sports were not our only activity. Quarter Guards and Guards of Honour also occupied much of our time. Visits were received from the Colonel of the Airborne Regiment, Brigadier-General Holmes; Commander Mobile Command, Lieutenant-General Belzile; Commander Special Service Force, Brigadier-General Lessard; and many others including Colonel Bill Hewson, who is Deputy Chief of Staff at UNFICYP.

2 Commando Swim Team
Canadian Near East Champs 1981
(L-R) WO Mike McCarthy, Tpr Mark Dudley, Tpr Tom Mahon, MCpl Doug Owen, MCpl Morgan Marshall, Capt larry Stevenson

2 Commando Pushball Champs
Canada Day Sports Meet

Noon shift parade at Camp Maple Leaf

2 Commando Quarter Guard welcomes Col Cowling to the Island

2 Commando welcomes BGen Holmes to the Island

Major E. A. Peterson presents Cyprus Medals to Commando personnel

"Don't you miss RV 81"?

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At the time of writing (August 81), we are just over three weeks from rotation and disembarkation leave. Things will pick up where they left off in November and we will at last get some time under the silk again. (Our plans for parachuting in Cyprus were seen to be too warlike by HQ UNFICYP and had to be cancelled). For most, it hasn't been a great year for jumping so all are itching to get back into the saddle for a few seconds of pleasure (terror) before hitting the boonies again.

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CABC and Visitors — 17 Mar 81

Front Row (L-R) MWO Collier, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are visitors from PPCLI Bns and Cdn AB Regt, MCpl Bludd, Sgt Comeau, Sgt McArdle, Sgt Harb C, Sgt Stipchick, CD Lyons ex-2 PPCLI and Cdn AB Regt, WO Schuler, Capt Wilkinson

Centre Row (L-R) WO Jacquard, MWO Clavette, "Boots" MacDonald, Capt Kompf, Sgt Hayden, Sgt Portuondo, Sgt Yoe, Sgt Harb N, WO Holland, Sgt Karran, Vic Lawrence ex-2 PPCLI, Lt Baldwin, and immediately below — LCol Manuel, Capt Smith

Rear Row (L-R) WO Dickson, Capt Dickson, Monty Allison ex-1 PPCLI and Depot, WO McManners, WO Anderson, MWO Walton, R Hayden ex- QM 1PPCLI, Capt Boll, D. Larose ex-QM 2 PPCLI and Depot

At the time of writing, a number of changes have taken place at the Centre, particularly in the area of new Patricias' arriving and retired ones passing through.

The most noteable of course would be LCol D. Dalziel replacing LCol D Manuel (retired) and living in the Edmonton area. CWO Ed Witt replacing CWO RD Smith (retired) and now living in Leduc, Alberta, and Major KD Lidgren, after a four year tour in Fort Benning, Georgia, took over as Officer Commanding Parachute Training Wing, replacing Major Gilmore who was posted to Ottawa.

From 2 Commando came Sgt Topham (newly promoted) and MCpl Bludd; Bludd being one of three brothers serving in the Patricia Family. Lost to us this year was Sgt Chuck Stipchick (retired) and now living in Edmonton. At present Chuck is working as a Security Guard at the Edmonton Race Track.

A young ex-Patricia from the Third Battalion who drops by occasionally is ex-Sgt Mike Sikora. Mike is enjoying his job as a Constable with the Victoria Police Department. He was competing in the Canadian Police National Championship Shooting Competition held in Edmonton. While here he dropped by the Mess to have a chat with Sgt Fred Hayden and the Harb brothers as well as a few other old friends. Ex-Sgt Wayne Johnston from the First Battalion, now Assistant Superintendent of Laidley Development Group Ltd, has enrolled in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) here in Edmonton. As a member of the Mess, we now get to see and talk to him quite often. Another one of our ex-sergeants who dropped in to see us was Chan Duncan from Mayerthorpe (just North of Edmonton), he's working at a sawmill there and teaches the local kids boxing in his spare time. He and his family are well and very happy however, he still talks about and remembers the good old days.

CWO McMillen managed to visit during the week of 18 - 26 Sep 81 to do a little casual parachuting and get away from CFB Chilliwack (another swan).' Fortunately he was able to join us for one of our CABC .10¢ nights. He also spent Saturday morning with MWO Collier and a platoon of Patricia's from Wainwright on a tour of Parachute Training Wing which included a jump from the Mock Tower. It was nice to see their Platoon Commander, Lt Stinson and Sgt Vardy demonstrate the standard for the Platoon. None of the soldiers appeared to have problems as they found the Mock Tower a new and interesting challenge.

The Unit is off and away to Wainwright at the end of this month (September) for our Annual Range Classification. CWO Ed Bakker will be joining us for our jump into Wainwright. MWO Collier intends to run his Para Refresher so he can "stick it to" an old "Partner in Crime".

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CFB GAGETOWN & COMBAT TRAINING CENTRE

This year at CTC/CFB Gagetown has been an especially busy year due in part to RV 81. The exercise did allow for the renewal of old friendships, including a bar-be-que in the field.

Included in PPCLI activities were a number of "Happy Hours" organized by the ORs. The PPCLI Association Atlantic Branch held its annual meeting on 14 March. The numbers attending were a little disappointing, but this was due in part to a late winter snow storm that made travelling difficult.

Regimental Day celebrations were planned for 17 Mar, including a parade by serving members, broomball, command role games and an informal gathering at the "Pig and Whistle". The Reviewing Officer was Brigadier General G. R. Cheriton, OMM, CD. After the parade, it was decided to have the informal gathering and cancel the other activities, as unfortunately the snow on the 14 of March was just a prelude to the major storm that developed on the 17 of March. However, all had plenty of exercise digging out and pushing their cars in the snow.

Brigadier G. R. Cheriton, OMM, CD, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel J. R. Bishop, CD, inspecting PPCLI Parade, CFB Gagetown, 17 Mar 81, CFB Gagetown.

Infantry School

Salutations. Anyone still believing that a red and white PPCLI shoulder flash is a guarantee of a posting to the Army of the West need only look as far as CFB Gagetown to be proved woefully in error. The previous domain of the Black Watch and RCR now is home to over seventy Patricia's. The majority of these, forty in number, are employed as one would imagine — at the Infantry School.

Before discussing who was doing what to whom this year, a few A and Q points need to be covered. Congratulations are in order for the following promotions. To the rank of MWO — WO Martens WJ, Oertel WG, and Stevens GJ; to MCpl — Pte Polvi RL, and to Cpl — Pte Fernandes SRR, and Pte MacDonald BG. Another reality of service life is postings. This year we bid farewell to Captains Mike Goodspeed (on his way to an exchange with The Royal Green Jackets in Germany) and Doug Martin (off to Winnipeg via Resolute Bay), MWOs Jim Martens (still looking for a PMQ in Calgary?) and "Butch" Oertel (someone has to go to Victoria) and finally MCpl Ron Polvi who is headed for the Second Battalion in Winnipeg.

Now then, just who is down here and what have they done for a year?

School Headquarters

Major Merv McMurray has been the School's Chief Instructor and HQ resident sailing enthusiast for the past year. Positions he will continue to hold in the upcoming year.

Captain Mike Goodspeed has finally deserted his desk in Standards and is looking gleefully at an exchange posting with the BAOR. Having tired of playing with Part II candidates, Captain Phil Cook has decided to take a rest as Adjutant. At least the CI will have someone other than Royals to talk to now. Keeping everyone honest is Sgt Buck Rodgers, who is working in the Training Co-ordination Section. "Out the door, turn left, fifth door on your right".

Capt Phil Cook receives his CD from LCol M. Matte, Comdt — Inf School

A Company

Advanced Training Company has seen a malestrom of Patricia faces whirl by as it conducted the yearly OCdt Part IV and Cbt Team Commander courses. The sole Patricia who weathered them all however was the CSM MWO Dave Gould. The reason I'm told, is that he refuses to move the Patricia Kit Shop from its present location!

B Company

Bravo not only abounds with Patricias', but is also the home of our latest Australian Import. December brought us not only jolly St. Nick, but also smiling "Blue" Mawson. Capt Ian Mawson, 3 RAR is well settled in now and passes on his greetings to Patricias' everywhere. Part III OCdt Training saw B Company's ranks swell with numerous familiar faces. Capt Bill Wild, after numerous civilian seminars on leadership, decided to try a little practical exercise as course officer. In the meantime, Warrants Stevens, Borchert, Savoie, Walsh and Aspinwall administered their own brand of tender loving care on the candidates. WO Komadina was observed CQ'ing from dawn to dusk when he wasn't looking for someone's lost keys. Finally, if a busy phone signal is any indication, MWO Stevens was kept hopping as the Course Sergeant-Major.

WO Wally Komindina receives the clasp to his CD from LCol M. Matte, Comdt — Inf School

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C Company

Schizophrenia must be a prerequisite to working in C Company. No sooner are the speciality courses over, then Part II rears its' ugly head. This year the Regular Force Part II candidates had the pleasure of working for Captain Wayne Marr, a man noted for his sympathetic attitude and kind words of encouragement. Assisting him were WO Ron Mole, just recently arrived in Gagetown, and Sgt Duke Fall. RESO Part II came under the eyes of WO Gord Larsen and Sgt Gord George, both of whom were working with Patricia officers brought to Gagetown as summer increment staff. Cpl Greg Harte meanwhile tried to maintain his sanity while being employed as a driver, company stores rep and weapons expert for numerous displays.

Support Company

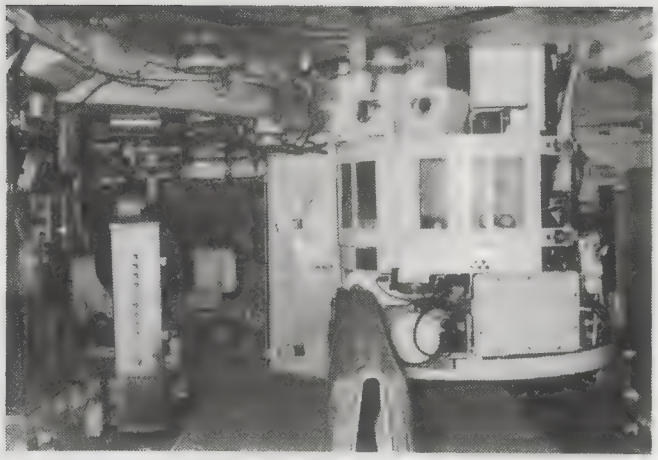
A sure indication of the growth in numbers of Patricias' "down home" is Support Company. In the last two years, the number of Patricias' has doubled to eighteen.

Captain Doug Martin headed this mad cap crew and as a reward has left for sunny Winnipeg. Demonstration Platoon was entrusted to Captain Dave Wilson's tender loving care, ably assisted of course by WO Ivan MacPhee and Sgt Charlie True. At the section level, MCpls Steve MacNeil and Ron Polvi had their hands full watching over the likes of Cpls Gerald Aldoff, Gary Benedict, Ed Lomond, Brian MacDonald, Clifford Wales and Pte Dan Cummings. The Transport Officer's job was made interesting by such accomplished drivers as Cpls Bill Bradford, Roger Brochu, Stan Fernandes and Wayne Young. Company Stores were once more the stomping grounds of MCpl Charlie Naugler, this time assisted (or aided in crime) by Cpl Don MacDonald.

All in all, a large and varied crew who wish all the Patricias' in the world, the very best. Hopefully we'll be serving with you again soon.

Capt Doug Martin, OC Sp Coy
Lucky number finally comes up

Maj Merv McMurray addresses CAOIB candidates. Capt DP Wilson in the background



Interior of A1FV with OERLIKON Turret

There is also increased stowage requirements for ammunition. The 25 mm TP-T, SAPHEI-T and APDS-T ammunition is shown in comparison to the C44 AP-T Cal .50 round.

TRIALS AND EVALUATION SECTION

Combat Training Centre

Again it has been another busy year with a large number of user trials for new equipment. Capt Chuck Franklin, late of 3 PPCLI and then HQ FMC, is the TSO2 T&E.

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Once again it is time for our annual report. The past year here at CFRS has been busy and interesting. The posting season has brought in fresh troops and let those who needed a change grace the halls of the units out West. To those people we wish you all the best in the future.

This year witnessed the retirements of WO E.L. Bulger and WO N. McEachern. Both have decided to remain in the area and can be seen checking up on us every so often. The promotions this year were limited but graciously accepted by those concerned. We congratulate Master Corporals' A.M. Cromwell, D.W. Connick and M.W. McKinley on their promotions to Sergeant.

Finally we bid a hearty welcome to MCpls C.N. Boulter, J.P. Bochler, H.J. MacDonald, D.M. Warrington and Sgt Best.

Our results for this years production of new Patricia's is quite impressive. The following is a resume of graduates up to Oct 81:

SERIAL	PL CMD	GRAD-UATES	UNIT
8032	Lt Austdal	27	1 PPCLI
8036	Lt Barr	34	3 PPCLI
8040	Lt Anderson	35	3 PPCLI
8044	2/Lt Bagnall	20	3 PPCLI
8046	Lt Moxley	36	2 PPCLI
8102	Lt Klie	21	1 PPCLI
8106	Lt Merrigan	23	2 PPCLI
8108	Lt Oberski	35	1 PPCLI
8110	Lt Hirlehey	33	3 PPLCI
8112	Lt Squires	23	3 PPCLI
8114	Lt Stinson	31	1 PPCLI
8118	Lt Fraser	41	3 PPCLI
8120	Lt Williams	24	3 PPCLI
8122	Lt Brink	23	1 PPCLI
8129	2/Lt Mauklowich	34	3 PPCLI
8131	2/Lt Southern	14	1 PPCLI
8133	Lt Franko	11	2 PPCLI
8135	Lt Fraser	18	3 PPCLI

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CANADIAN FORCES RECRUIT SCHOOL
COURSE 8024/8006

A young officer has very few opportunities today to have a platoon for any lenght of time, and in garrison, platoon commanders and section commanders rarely have a chance to know the men that work for them. An opportunity which is available and which is not fully appreciated is the opportunity tha a platoon commander has to go to CFRS Cornwallis and take a recruit platoon through its basic training, after which the infantry portion of the Cornwallis platoon goes with the platoon commander to Camp Wainwright to complete its TQ3 training. This, then, is the story of one such platoon.

13 June 1980 — The bus leaves CFB Cornwallis at 2200 hours to meet the midnight crawler which arrives in CFB Greenwood every Friday night. Aboard this plane are recruits from all acorss Canada. These are very special recruits because they will form Course 8024. This course will commence with 130 recruits, representing all trades. When the plane arrives in CFB Greenwood, it is met by two Master Corporals from the course. The recruits look lost and very civilian. Most have hair down to their shoulders and are wearing blue jeans and T-shirts. Most of all, they look tired and very much alone.

16 June 1980 — Course 8024 is starting. A little of the inclearance was done Sunday, but this first week has been set aside to complete the preliminary administration required for each individual. Today with primary needles and a haircut. As they are "marched" over to needles parade, one of the master corporals comments on the work that lies ahead. At needles parade, one cannot help but notice the untoned muscles, the pale skin and the fact that quite a few are fainting — some even before they get their needle. After needles parade, they are marched over to the barber who has four chairs — it reminds me of scenes from many a Hollywood movie.

18 June 1980 — Today all of their civy clothes are taken away and placed in the civy lockup. They will not be allowed to wear them again until graduation, in 10 1/2 weeks time.

19 June 1980 — This morning, the recruits formed up in workdress, looking for the first time as though there might be hope.

As 8 Platoon (Course 8024) progressed, it proved it had spirit. It won the sports trophy and the CTO's Penant in week 6; in weeks 7 and 8, it was runner-up for the CTO's Pennant — second only to 13 Platoon which was a female platoon. Since the CTO's Pennant is given to the platoon which has the cleanest quarters, we knew in our hearts that it was heredity.!

As I mentioned earlier, the course commenced with 130 persons and during the subsequent 11 weeks, the following changes occured:

a.	Recoursed in	18 (Recourse retention 11)
b.	Recoursed out	13
c.	Released	18
d.	Suspended training	5

The members of Course 8024 represented some 15 trades as follows:

a.	Infmn 031	33
b.	AF Tech 512	15
c.	AE Tech 511	13
d.	Mar E Mech 312	11
e.	Met Tech 121	8
f.	Med A 711	8
g.	Sonarmn 281	4
h.	ART 021	4
j.	Cook 861	4
k.	Muscn 871	3
m.	Rad Op 211	3
n.	Fctlmn 071	3
p.	MSE Op 935	1
q.	H Tech 321	1
r.	Stwd 862	1

28 August 1980 — Course 8024 graduates as part of the Change of Command Parade for Col Fox, CD and Col Brown, CD. The Reviewing Officer is BGen Oxholm, CMM, CD. The 112 young men who march past this day are very unlike the boys that arrived here 11 weeks ago. In the evening, the course party is held and many of the families that were able to attend the graduation parade are extremely impressed by the noticable difference in their sons, brothers, husbands and lovers. We all say our goodbyes and prepare for the next phase of the training — TQ3.

5 September 1980 - Of the 33 infantry recruits who graduated, three are rebadged to RCR and sent to Petawawa. The remaining 30 go to Wainwright to complete their TQ3 training. The staff for Amiens Platoon Course 8006 is as follows:

Platoon Commander — Lt A Moffat
Platoon Warrant Officer — WO D Brausen
Swing NCO — MCpl Gemmell
Driver — Pte Pottie
1 Section — MCpl Legarie
2 Section — MCpl Tychiniski
3 Section — MCpl Uspiuk

During the course, which was shortened from 16 weeks to 14 weeks, the students were introduced to all platoon weapons, unarmed combat, section tactics and Regimental history. The participated in Heliborne Ops, a week of def ops, a week of patrolling, a live fire patrol, live fire advance to contact and a live fire def.

The following changes occurred during the 14 weeks in Wainwright:

a.	Commenced with	30
b.	Direct entry	1
c.	Recoursed in	9 (Recourse retention 9)
d.	Recoursed out	6 (All medical)
e.	Released	1

23 November 1980 — The course visits the PPCLI Regimental Museum in Calgary. The tour is conducted by Capt John Miles (Doc Miles). No better man can be found to pull together Regimental history for young men just starting their careers than Capt Miles, an officer who started as a Med A during the Korean conflict and is now the Regimental Adjutant.

5 December 1980 — Amiens Platoon visits CABC and is able to get a feel of what the jump course is all about. I must say that it isn't quite the way I remembered it. i keep waiting for someone to yell "Jab"; and when they asked me into the staff coffee room, I had to be assured by the Sergeant Major before I was sure I wouldn't receive pushups for trespassing! All of the troops go off the mock tower and none have to be assisted.

10 December 1980 — We are called in from the field to attend the Men's Christmas Dinner. This not only affords the usual delights, but is enhanced by the fact that we have been on hard rations for three weeks!

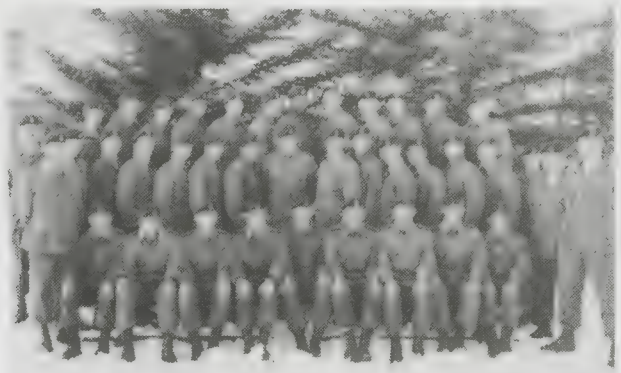
18 December 1980 — Permission is received for Amiens to graduate a day early to enable the men to get down to Battalion, find rooms and leave for Christmas. The graduation parade is reviewed by Major Ligget, OC B Coy. This is extremely appropriate since he is to become their OC at the Battalion. The awards were presented as follows:

a. Top Candidate — Pte Van Harren
b. Best Shot — Pte Bester
c. Most Physically fit — Pte Verch
d. Most Improved — Pte Brunk

The soldiers have a busy year in store for them. Having just completed EX RAPIER THRUST 81, they are preparing to go to Norway on EX COLD WINTER. When they return, they will get ready for the trooping in May and then prepare for a BATUS serial.

Amiens Platoon no longer exists, but to the few that best to the soldiers of Amiens Platoon and we truly hope that you can always make your superiors as proud as you have made us.

Amiens Platoon no longer exists, but to the few that were Amiens, it will always be remembered. For the young men, it was their first taste of military life; for the staff, it was our first course.



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Personalities

The past year has been stable so far as the unit's senior appointments are concerned. The only change involved Major Chuck Marshall going down the hall to become Staff Officer - Operations and Training at Northern Alberta Militia District Headquarters, with Major George Rice replacing him as Deputy Commanding Officer. In return, NAMD HQ released its hold on Captain Glenn Jones, who rejoined the unit to take on some of the paperwork burden as 21C A Company. At the present time, our line-up is as follows:

Battalion HQ	
Commanding Oficer	LCol D.G. Miller, CD
Deputy Commanding Officer	Maj G.R. Rice, CD
Adjutant	Capt D.A. Haas, CD
Regimental Sergeant Major	CWO W.H. Preuss, CD
A Company	
Officer Commanding	Maj I.J. Taylor, CD
Second in Command	Capt G.R. Jones, CD
Company Sergeant Major	MWO F.B.T. Read
Regular Force	
Regular Support Staff Officer	Capt M.J. Diakow
Regular Support Staff Warrant Officer	WO A.T. McManners, CD

Both of our regular support staff are Patricia's, and will be known to many of you.

One development over the year which we hope portends well for the future was the arrival of four junior officers, a rare species in recent years at the unit. At the start of the training year in September 2Lt(W) Joanne Bourque came to us from the Royal New Brunswick Regiment, and began putting her logistics training to good use. Over the year three young men without prior military experience joined us, and by the end of summer training this past August 2Lt Richard Weizenbach and OCdts Paul Bury and David Gilmour had completed their initial officer qualifying courses and were preparing to take on their first unit appointments. The Adjutant celebrated this influx of fresh talent by purchasing a colourful new Orderly Officer badge.

Structure

Many of you may wonder just what a militia infantry battalion is made up of. Our current establishment provides for a Battalion Headquarters and two Rifle Companies, each of two Platoons. The total authorized strength is 154 all ranks. There is also provision for a thirty-six member band.

Sadly, we are very much under strength, running somewhere just over forty percent of the establishment figure. We are not alone in this undiserable state of affairs — such a level is common amongst Prairie Militia units. Even our band is few in numbers, and exists as a musical entity only as part of a Joint Band with 418 Air Reserve Squadron's band.

Against this background, it may seem strange that there is a good possibility that our authorized establishment will be increased as part of a re-structuring of Militia units. This is so, however, and we are hoping that other developments now underway in the training sphere will gradually increase our strength to a point where higher establishment levels will be justified.

Training

What's going on, then? As it happens, we have just embarked upon a complete revamping of our training programme, as part of an overall change throughout Militia Area Prairie.

Our current tasking, within the framework of Mobile Command, is to provide trained personnel to augment 1 PPCLI in the event of a national mobilization. To this end, the emphasis in unit training has been on the individual skills required of an infantry soldier, as well as section and platoon tactics. We have not been involved in training recruits, something that has been handled centrally through a training company controlled through District HQ, though admittedly staffed largely by our NCOs.

To accomplish our training aim we have worked around a September to June training cycle, parading every Wednesday night and Saturday. During this training year we have been averaging about one weekend long exercise every month, at either Camp Wainwright or a couple of smaller training areas available near Edmonton. These exercises involve range work on all infantry weapons, practising tactical skills, and winter warfare training.

During the summer unit members have taken trade and promotion courses at various militia training centres across the country, and have participated in a one week Militia Concentration at MTC Dundurn, Saskatchewan. This year's MILCON 81 again involved training along corps lines, so that our members had the chance to polish their skills alongside fellow Prairie Militia Infantrymen.

New Training Scheme

All this now changes, as the Commander of Militia Area Prairie has decided to implement a system which was developed in Secteur de l'Est and has been running successfully for several years amongst Quebec Militia units.

The training year will now begin in January, and for the first two months the entire unit will concentrate its efforts on recruiting. The idea is that any young person wishing summer employment with the Militia must join at this time and commence his recruit and basic training around March. From then until the summer the unit's sole activity will be conducting this training. Unit members who are not required as training staff, and only such members, will have the opportunity to take advanced trade and promotion courses from a new entity, the District Battle School. The summer will see further training of this sort, but the intention is that the continuation of training for the new members will be conducted locally rather than at MTC Dundurn. The summer training will end in time to allow all unit members to participate in MILCON, which will have been shifted back to the middle of August. It is also possible that MILCON will revert back to being run on a District basis, rather than as a single concentration for the entire Area. After a short break at the end of the summer, the unit will spend the remaining four months of the year on collective training at the section, platoon, and even company level.

The announcement of this new system came during this summer's MICLON 81, and most unit members did not learn of it until returning in September. The general

reaction has been positive, as we are anxious to try out this system which holds a reasonable promise of increasing unit strength while at the same time upgrading the calibre of individual training.

We are presently in a four month transition period during which all training tasks required in the "old" 1981/82 training year are being hastily accomplished, while planning gets underway for bringing in the new system. We are using this transition period to experiment with another arrangement which we hope will improve attendance and increase unit cohesion. This involves changing from parading every Saturday to a weekend on, one off system whereby we show up on Saturday and Sunday one weekend, then stand down the next. Provided CFB Edmonton continues to co-operate we are even trying out the idea of putting our troops up in quarters at Griesbach over the weekends we are parading. Although the total amount of training time remains the same, by re-arranging it in this fashion, we hope to ameliorate one of the problems which we know cuts attendance. Militia activity blots up a lot of one's spare time, and by parading every Saturday it is difficult to attend to the various personal and household chores that are best accomplished on that day of the week. Then too, we feel that more will be accomplished where we can run two days of training in succession. If the new system works out, we will consider retaining it once the new training scheme comes into effect next January.

Equipment

Our task in support of 1 PPCLI has been revised slightly by converting us to a mechanized role. The reality of this comes in the form of the AVGP Grizzly, which is to be issued to us. Although we now have several drivers trained, to date the Grizzly remains for us a large and mythological beast, since our four have not shown up. Rumours persist of railway freight handlers seeing the 4 PPCLI stencil and stopping the shipment at Winnipeg, or diverting it to Calgary, or sending it on to Victoria. Chuck Marshall, in civil life a freight services agent for a railway firm whose founder has an armoured regiment named after him, blames his rivals in another national railway. When the Grizzlies do arrive we'll be putting three of them in Wainwright for field training, and keeping one at Griesbach for odd jobs about town.

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PRESENTATION OF CADET CORPS FLAGS

BY

THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF — CURRIE BARRACKS 10 MAY 81

In addition to the many activities that the Cadets participated in this year, the presentation of new Cadet Corps flags by the Colonel-in-Chief, The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, was the highlight of the training year. Cadets from Estevan, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, and Esquimalt assembled in Currie Barracks on 10 May for this occasion. The presentation was preceeded by a luncheon attended by the Cadets, their parents, Regimental and Cadet League of Canada dignitaries.

2701 PRINCESS PARTICIALS CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY CADET CORPS — "ACER ACERPORI"

The training period September 80 to June 81 has been very eventful for the Cadet Corps. From the regular Tuesday parade nights to weekend exercises, the cadets have studied and worked hard towards the achievement of their Star Program badges. The corp's rifle team continued last year to prove that their team was second to none in all Army cadet rifle competitions in the region of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. The Brooklands and Weston Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion maintained their appreciated financial support by acquiring some band instruments so that a brass band could be formed.

Many weekend events stimulated the training program. The main fall exercise, EXERCISE PINERIDGE, took place in November 80 and concentrated on survival training, map reading, and the proper use of the Silva compass. During the weekends in April 81,Regular Force instructors, provided by 2 PPCLI, taught the cadets rapelling and some basic mountaineering. Exchange programs with other Cadet Corps were also promulgated. In March 81, the Corps was impressively hosted by the Shilo Artillery Cadet Corp and the weekend activities included a tour of the CFB Shilo Museum, a competion of marksmanship, inter-sports competition, and a cadet dance. The 2701 PPCLI C.C. hosted the Russell Air Cadet Squadron in May 81. They received a tour of Kapyong Barracks, a cadet presentation on fieldcraft, map using, and compass, and were entertained on Saturday night with a dance.

The highlight of the training year was the Corps' visit to Currie Barracks in Calgary, to greet our Colonel-in-Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma — Lady Patricia. The trip, which was from 07 to 10 May 81, enhanced every cadets' pride in their Regimental Cadet Corps and they were honoured to have met their Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Particia.

There were a number of awards presented on the Annual Inspection, 07 April 81, in which the reviewing officer, LCol J.S. Bremner complimented the cadets on their excellent deportment and dress. During June, the cadets attended community sponsored parades which included Fort Garry Days, 13 June 81.

In conclusion, this very eventful year also provided the following awards to our Corps and cadets:

A) Gold Star — Cdt RSM J. Hopping
Cdt WO C. Zelinsky
B) Lord Strathcona Challenge Cup (Rifle Team)
C) Three cadets qualified for the Bisley team
— Cdt WO B. Palmer
— Cdt WO R. Izatt
— Cdt LT T. Denardi
D) Lt Charles French Memorial Trophy (Rifle competion for Winnipeg RCACC).
E) Youth of the Commonwealth DCRA Individual Aggragate — Ctd Lt T. Denardi.
F) Best Female Cadet Trophy
— Cdt Cpl Y. Kwakernack
— Cpl D. Procek
G) Best Male Cadet Trophy — Cdt WO M. Bailey.

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The Annual Inspection. LCol J.S. Bremner inspects the Cadet Corps with the Cadet CO Cdt Lt Tom Denardi.

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The Loyal Eddies have gone through a period of revival. As of September 1981, the Corp is parading 40 cadets on a regular basis. Just two years ago it was on probation as it's strength had fallen to less than ten cadets.

The Corp participated in an exchange program this year under the Secretary of State Department. In April, 30 Edmonton Cadets went to stay with cadets in Saint John, New Brunswick. The New Brunswick cadets came to Alberta in August and were treated to visits to Edmonton, Jasper, Banff, and Calgary. The cadets had an excellent time and learned some positive things about Canada and Canadians.

In May, the Corp was honoured to attend the Trooping in Calgary where they were presented with a special cadet flag by The Countess Mountbatten of Burma. It was the first time that all affiliated PPCLI cadet corps paraded together.

Seventeen cadets attended various camps this summer, including Winnipeg, Valcartier, Vernon, and Whitehorse. In addition, L Edmn R cadets were chosen for the National Cadet Camp in Banff, the parachutists' course and for the Germany exchange program where cadets are integrated into 4 CMBG.

Cadet Gail Murray was the top Gold Star cadet for Alberta and Cadet Simon Perry was chosen to attend the Outward Bound Course in Wales.

We have an active program of training and recreational activities including sport parachuting, rafting and mountain climbing.

We get assistance from a number of former and active Patricias' like Norm Wilkinson, Chris Smith, and Marty Clavette.

The Corp looks forward to another year of continued growth and improvement. Last year we won the trophy for the second best City Corp. We're trying hard for number one this year.

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THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

1ST BATTALION — BESSBROOK

We write from Bessbrook in late May. Our tour has been over-shadowed by the murder on Tuesday 19 May of four Green Jackets and one RCT driver. The four Green Jackets killed were LCpl WINSTONE, Rfn BAGSHAW, Rfn GAVIN and Rfn KING. We grieve for them and for their families.

We returned from Christmas leave on January 2nd and ten days later were all down at CPTA doing our Northern Ireland training. Remarkably for January the weather was good and much valuable training in the villages on the ranges and in the hills behind Hythe was carried out. Our Northern Ireland training was completed with a week in STANFORD in February. We left for South Armagh in early March in good shape and looking forward to a tour in an area that many of us knew from 1974. Not much has changed. The bases are a bit more extensive, amenities have improved. Out of the bases, the RUC work much harder and are much more in control. The 'Way Ahead' has worked. But having said that, it is still the same campaign and still the individual skills that count.

Our tour has been eventful, apart from the incident mentioned above there have been a Mortar Attack on Newtonhamilton from which we escaped with only minor casualties, a gun battle on the border, in which two terrorists were captured (one by us and one by the Garda), and a series of shooting incidents.

The border gun battle was particularly successful because we captured gunmen moving North and certainly prevented an incident of some sort together with ensuring that two gunmen will be locked away for a long time. CSgt BARRETT commanded the ambush. The Mortar Attack was notable for the way a platoon survived a heavy attack on it at 2100 hours and presented a face to the outside world at 0700 hours the following morning as if nothing had happened. Much work was done that night to re-build the exterior of the base.

And so the tour continues. At the end of July, we leave South Armagh for Hounslow. We take a month's leave and then start to sort ourselves out for the return to Northern Ireland in November. We are all wondering which of our Companies will be the first to find themselves in support of the South Armagh Battalion!

We look forward to the rest of our tour here and then to our return to Aldergrove in November.

2ND BATTALION — MINDEN

We returned to work on 4 Jan after a generous BAOR Stand Down period of two weeks justified by the moratorium. January was a platoon level training period, during which Rifle Platoons braved the blizzards of Soltau to do some low level training. In February, we completed some more platoon training followed by Combat Team Training, during which we were joined by three troops of Lifeguards in Chieftains. Since February, we have taken part in various BAOR CPXs', won the Divisional Bisley Selection Meeting, and hosted 60 ACF Cadets among the latter 25 Buckinghamshire Cadets wearing Green Jacket Berets. Our Mortar and MILAN platoons attended their respective concentrations in June and Battlegroup Training took place at Soltau from 1 - 12 June. All elements of the Battle Group were there; this was the first — and will be the last until June 1982 — time that we have all exercised together.

The hockey team did well in the Divisional League and the Football and Rugby teams acquitted themselves well. The big success has been the re-establishment of the Battalion Boxing Team. We have had a Novices Competition and two friendly matches to date. We hope to enter the BAOR Championships in 1982. We provided the majority of the Green Jacket nominations for the hut at Steibis and some 100 students attended a skiing course there from 2 RGJ. The hut and courses were brilliantly run by Eddie Bright. Summer courses (canoeing, climbing, windsurfing, hill walking) are continuing.

July sees us at Sennelager for our APWT and Field firing and we start our Northern Ireland Training in September. Our next report will be from Belfast.

3RD BATTALION — CAMBRIDGE

The first half of our year started with two months of cadres and internal training. Once the cadres were over, the Bn reorganized itself with intensive company training in the by now very familiar Stanford training area. At the end of March the Bn then dissolved to re-emerge as the UKLF Cadet Leadership course, Directing Staff and associated personnel with the addition of almost 50 outside instructors under the direction of Major Jamie Daniell. The course lasted for two weeks in the middle of April and catered for 300 very enthusiastic

16 - 18 year old cadets. After a very busy time on motorcycles, assault courses, watermanship and three exercises, including everything from helicopters to Hercules resupply, the cadets went home happy and the Bn went on leave for ten days to recover.

Since leave there have been busy preparations for Spearhead and the Bn exercise on 1 - 5 June. Despite being placed on 24 hours notice to move and the ominous arrival of an IS pack which caused some excitement we have not yet been involved in travel abroad. We are all looking forward to a quiet Spearhead tour in mid June - July. After that we look forward to three weeks leave and a trip to Cyprus in October/November on Exercise Moonbase V.

On the sporting side the football team has had some good results, winning the District Challenge Cup and being runner up in the local league Russel Cup. The hockey team reached the final of the Infantry Cup having won the Eastern District Championship. We have again held a novices boxing championship and now have the basis on which to build a battalion team.

THE RIFLE DEPOT

The Rifle Depot reformed on 5 January after a well earned Christmas Break of two weeks.

The first event of 1981 was the Passing Out Parade which was held on Friday 9 January with the salute being taken by the Mayor of Winchester. Passing Out Parades have also been held on the dates below with Inspecting Officers as shown:

13 Febraury	—	Chief Constable of Hampshire
20 March	—	CO 3 RGJ, Lt Col RH Ker, MC
24 April	—	Sir Roden Cutler, VC, AK, KCMG, KCVO, CBE, K St J
22 May	—	Major General DC Thorne, CBE
29 May	—	General Sir Anthony Read, GCB, CBE, DSO, MC

CSgt Myatt, SSgt Pritchard RAPC and Cpl Norton ACC were presented with their Long Service and Good Conduct Medals by Lt Col Ker during the Passing Out Parade on 20 March. Major Snagge and WO2 Gibson received Royal Humane Society Testimonials for bravery, on 24 April from Sir Roden Cutler.

A mini Kit Issuing Centre was set up and run during the period 14 to 16 February. This was to kit and document Reservists who failed to report in November 1980. Of the 164 expected only 69 reported.

On the sporting front our main success has been in the boxing world with a team of Juniors reaching the semi finals of the Army Junior Inter Unit Championship. JRfn Payton went on to win the Army Junior Individual Middleweight Title and has since represented the Army in a match against a Welsh Schoolboy Team.

Exercise Snow Plough was held at Aviemore during the period 20 January to 20 March. A total of 160 Juniors visited Aviemore and were taught to ski and also received instruction in the principles of survival in snow and ice conditions.

A number of changes in personalities have taken place in recent months and these include the departure of Major Jeremy Keyte, Major Ron Cassidy, WO2 (RQMS) Nicholson and WO2 Strawson. Arrivals include Lt Col Peter Petra, Major Dennis Williams, WO2 McGarrigle and WO2 Godbold.

4TH BATTALION

1981 will probably be remembered as the year of the financial cuts in the TA. Our ration of fuel, ammunition and, worst of all, Man Training Days (The TA soldiers Pay) have all been reduced. However it is still business as usual in 4 RGJ and we have already had a packed and successful year.

Despite the cuts, recruiting has never been better and the Battalion is only a few men short of the establishment figure of 747. Training recruits has been one of our most pressing problems and we are particularly grateful to the Rifle Depot for the recruit courses they have run for us and also to 3 RGJ who provided us with facilities to run a special recruit course at Oakington in Mar 81, without which we would still have a large backlog of untrained recruits.

On the training side, one of the highlights was when approximately 100 Riflemen visited Hythe for one of that legendary ex-Rifleman and training guru Douggie Maber's famous mneumonic range 'packages' this one called CENTURION (CPTTS'S Efforts Negate Territorials Understandable Reluctance In Offering Numbers)!

This enabled us to use some of the more interesting ranges which the TA don't normally have a chance to get near, such as the Urban CQB and Marksmanship Under Fire Range.

The Anti Tank Platoon also did the DAVID package mentioned by 2 RGJ in the last newsletter. The Platoon has now done its MILAN conversion course and we await the issue of the missle equipment in Dec 81.

On the shooting front we came second in the 1981 London District TA SAAM. Bunhill Lodge is now undergoing an extensive face lift and our new shooting team are becoming almost permanent squatters there and we have every intention of maintaining a long term effort to get back into the forefront of TA competition shooting.

Battalion Headquarters spent a pleasant week in May on Ex Hurst Park, an enormous BAOR Command Post Exercise, where they relearnt that well known lesson that the chinagraph pencil is mightier than the sword.

We have had a string of successes in the sporting field. We came second in the London District Cross Country Running and won the SE District competition. A Company also won the SE District Orienteering competition. We won the London District six-a-side soccer competition and were runners up in the 11-a-side London District Challenge Cup. The Battalion was runner-up in the TA Tickle Fitness Competition which is based on the BFT results.

In March we said au-revoir to QM Peter Petra who is now at the Rifle Depot (as a Lieutenant Colonel QM) and welcomed John Beerman in his place.

There have been numerous ceremonial and publicity fixtures. B Coy were given the Freedom of Hammersmith on 4 Apr 81 although we understand this does not mean they can parade with swords fixed in the Palais! (The LRB have this historic right in the Guildhall in the City of London). G Coy adopted the Newham Carnival Court (three pretty girls) as their Company mascot at a parade on 25 Mar 81. B Coy have adopted a page three girl from the Sun as their pin-up who has provided them with a veritable treasure chest of publicity in the local press and media, and amongst other things their recruiting has shot up markedly.

One of our other training highlights was the Battlefield tour of Calais 1940 which was undertaken by D Coy. This historic and gallant Green Jacket battle has many lessons that are still highly topical and relevant today, particularly regarding the defence of built up areas against attack by armoured formations. We were very lucky to have Lt Col Brush who commanded I Coy in IRB and Lt Col Ellison-Macartney who commanded 1 QVR, amongst our guest speakers.

We look forward to Camp at Soltau in Aug 81 where we are sponsored by 7 Armd Bde and where we hope to be training with tanks from the Royal Hussars.

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THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

The tempo of training reached within the Regiment in 1980 continued into 1981 with battalions participating in a number of major formation exercises in diverse locations throughout Australia. In addition, the development of mechanized and airborne skills continued and two battalions were used to form the basis of the Operational Deployment Force, raised to meet defence emergencies.

On the personnel side the officers holding the two senior Regimental appointments, Colonel Commandant and Regimental Colonel, completed their terms during 1981. The new Colonel Commandant is General Sir Arthur MacDonald, KBE, CB and the Regimental Colonel, Colonel B. W. Howard, AM, MC. Both officers are previous Commanding Officers of 3RAR.

In keeping with the format used last year to report the Regiment's activities, selected battalion reports are provided. In addition, a brief history and outline of activities of Depot Company, the unit responsible for training soldiers prior to their allocation to the battalions, is included.

DEPOT COMPANY

History

A RAR Depot was raised on 18 January 1952 and renamed 4RAR on 10 March 1952 as a training unit on a special establishment on the Order of Battle. This renaming was necessary because Government approval had been given to raise a battalion and not a 'Depot'. The prime function of 4RAR at the time was to train and hold infantrymen for service in Korea. Later, on 24 March 1960, the unit was incorporated with the School of Infantry as 'Depot Company, The Royal Australian Regiment', the whole forming the Infantry Centre.

Training

Depot Company of The Royal Australian Regiment is responsible for the Initial Employment Training (IET) of all Regular Army soldiers allotted to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. To conduct this training the Company has sufficient staff for six platoons based on one Lieutenant, one Sergeant and four Corporals per platoon. The average number of trainees in each platoon is 50. During 1980 the Company trained more than 700 soldiers for the Regiment.

Training time is eleven weeks (54 days) and a Task Inventory approved by Headquarters Training Command is the basis for the detailed syllabus. During this time the training programme concentrates on teaching a skill and immediately using that skill before soldiers forget. For example:

a. on Thursday of Week 3 soldiers are taught the characteristics, etc, of the M203 Grenade Launcher and revised on the M30/M26 Grenade; and
b. on Friday of Week 3 soldiers fire the M203 and throw grenades on the assault grenade range.

Subjects covered during IET and the training schedule are as follows:

a. Pre-week: Settle in/administration, small arms theories and principles, and physical training (PT).
b. Week 1: Communications, drill, machine gun and PT.
c. Week 2: MG tests and firing, map reading, M16 theory and firing and PT.
d. Week 3: A three day field exercise, M203, M26 theory and live grenade practices.
e. Week 4: PT, map reading, drill and 66 mm SRAAW.
f. Week 5: A three day field exercise, section defence, range practice by day and night and sport.
g. Week 6: MG range practice, weapon training revision and three days of SLR range practices.
h. Week 7: Two days SLR range practice and a three day field exercise.
i. Week 8: PT, drill, SLR range practice, endurance test and bayonet fighting.
j. Week 9: Field exercise.
k. Week 10: Inter-section competition (map reading, shooting, PT) and drill.

The programme trains soldiers to 'a recommended to be employed as a rifleman' standard. In some subjects soldiers have been taught basics and many more periods of teaching/revision are required within units to achieve a high skill level. Weaker points generally include:

a. map reading — navigation; soldiers are taught the basics at the 1st Recruit Training Battalion but still experience difficulty here;
b. communications — radio procedure; soldiers need more practice to overcome mistakes made because of nervousness;
c. some soldiers have difficulty achieving basic rifle shooting standards and keeping fit; these are a definite minority but where these weaknesses are noted on course reports supervision is required.

Comprehensive reports are written about each soldier when he completes IET training. One copy is forwarded to his unit on his personal file and that report lists apparent strengths and weaknesses.

Recent comments from battalions indicate that the soldiers arriving at units have attained an acceptable standard and are fitting into rifle sections well.

8/9 RAR
The unit mascot, John MacArthur II, being promoted to LCpl on 25 April 1981, by CO 8/9 RAR, LTCOL J. R. Brett

8/9 RAR
Members of B coy fire and move towards an enemy position during the live firing exercise "Leaden Lift II"

8/9 RAR
The Queen's and Regimental Colours of 8 RAR and 9 RAR being paraded in Brisbane on ANZAC Day, 25 April 81

8/9 RAR
Inter-company winter Sport Competition. B Coy 8/9 RAR on their way to winning the rugby union competition

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The second half of 1980 saw the newly created Operational Deployment Force (ODF) based on 3TF being exercised for the first time. Exercise 'Swift Foot' was a 17 day exercise conducted in July which commenced with the airlift of the 1RAR Battalion Group (Bn Gp) into Breddan Airfield, some 150 km to the west of Townsville in North Queensland. Once the airhead was established the Bn Gp was redeployed by Caribou, Chinook and Iroquis aircraft. B Sqn 3 Cav Regt then joined the Bn Gp and the advance and attack phases of war were practised whilst mounted in APC. The final phase of the exercise concentrated on defence and the Battalion position was developed over a 6 day period to include crawl trenches in some forward positions.

On return to Townsville preparations began for the major Battalion exercise for 1980 — Exercise 'Gulf Stream' — which was to be a surveillance/counter incursion exercise. The Battalion was airlifted in late September by Hercules aircraft to join a vehicle convoy at Normanton in the Gulf country of North West Queensland. A company of the Singapore Armed Forces 1st Guards Battalion working with a troop from B Sqn 3 Cav Regt also participated in the exercise. Air deployment, survival and surveillance techniques were practised. The exercise area of operations covered approximately 33 000 square kilometres and an enemy group, which comprised soliders from 126 Sig Sqn (Special Forces) and 18 Fd Sqn (Lt), were infiltrated by land, sea and light aircraft over a period of five days.

At the conclusion of the exercise the Battalion exercised its right to the Freedom of the Town of Normanton with a march through the town with bayonets fixed, colours flying and the band playing. Afterwards most of the soldiers attended the Normanton Race Meeting, a feature of which was the Septimus Tertius Cup in honour of LCPL Septimus Tertius, the Battalion Mascot.

On return to Townsville the Battalion was involved in a host of support tasks at various levels. A Coy provided the enemy force in support of the 11 FF Gp (Army Reserve) annual camp training, C coy travelled to Canberra to support the final RMC exercise, a platoon from B coy provided support to SASR in North Western Australia and a platoon from A Coy were involved in NBCD clothing trials. A well earned break for the Battalion was taken over December/January with the majority venturing off on Christmas leave.

On the sporting side the 3TF champion sporting honour was shared by 1RAR and 2/4RAR for 1980. Some of the individual sporting honours include the convincing wins by 1RAR in the inter-unit athletics also for the third consecutive year, the inter-unit shooting also for the third consecutive year and the winning of the Royal Ulster Rifles Trophy for 1980.

A changeover of Commanding Officers occurred in December with LTCOL P. W. Beale, DSO, MC handing over the reins to LTCOL B. J. Caligari.

The new year saw C Coy travel to Rockhampton in support of 11 FF Gp camp training and A coy fly off to Butterworth in Malaysia for a 3 month tour of duty with the RAAF. A number of promotion courses were conducted by D coy and platoon level training was conducted at the Tropical Training Centre at Tully for all platoons.

On 12 May 1981, the thirteenth anniversary of the Battle for Fire Support Base Coral in South Vietnam was celebrated with a Trooping of the Colour ceremony held under floodlights on the Battalion parade ground. Approximately 2 000 spectators watched the parade which was reviewed by COMD 1 DIV MAJGEN D. A. Drabsch, MBE. The following day the original Battalion Colours were layed up in the Lavarack Chapel, the first Colours to be Layed Up in any Army Chapel. These original Colours were presented to the Battalion in 1957 and were replaced by the present Colours in 1976. After the Laying Up ceremony the new Battalion Museum was opened.

Important training activities planned for 1981 include Battalion exercises in Mt Spec, High Range, Alice Springs (Northern Territory) and participation as part of Blue Force in Exercise 'Kangaroo 1981' in October/November this year. A Coy Gp based on B coy will depart for a tour of duty in Butterworth, Malaysia in late November which should be the culmination of another busy and productive training year.

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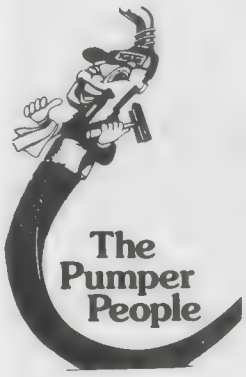

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2/4 RAR

2/4 RAR continues to develop its expertise as part of the Operational Deployment Force (ODF) Task Force. A requirement of the unit as part of this force is the ability to operate on light scales, that is the ability to be deployed and completely maintained by medium range transport aircraft. Since January 1981, 2/4 RAR has been the primary unit in the ODF battalion group which has necessitated added emphasis on the administrative requirements to ensure members are ready for deployment at short notice.

The training of the battalion has been varied over the last twelve months. Exercise 'King Cobra' held in September 1980 was a company test exercise based on a collective training assessment system. It was designed to test sub-units in all phases of war in a conventional setting at battalion level. The exercise was conducted in the Hidden Valley area north of Townsville, Queensland. Companies were rotated through a five day exercise with all following the same sequence of events. The exercise established a firm base for planning the unit training over the following year.

On completion of Exercise 'King Cobra' the Battalion commenced a period of unit courses to train specialists for Mortar, Signal, Pioneer, Transport and Machine Gun platoons. The courses were conducted throughout October and early November 1980 and were successful in ensuring the battalion has a pool of specialists from which to draw.

The unit followed these courses with a series of survival exercises in different settings. The aim of these exercises was to provide a change from normal training and improve the soldiers understanding of the type of country in which they operate.

Since January 1981, the unit has been involved in sub-unit training, leading up to a battalion exercise, Exercise 'Fractured Falcon', which was conducted in May 1981. The companies have been involved in a series of exercises in both open and close country. The exercises have been conducted to the north and west of Townsville and have involved patrolling, mechanized operations, advance and attack as well as insertion by utility helicopters and short range air transport.

The major activity so far in 1981 has been the battalion exercise held at Clarke River, 100 km west of Townsville, Exercise 'Fractured Falcon'. The exercise involved deployment by air to Clarke River to protect civilians from harrassment by a low level insurgent force. The exercise was a change in that it was designed to practice the unit in protection of key facilities and infrastructure and to react quickly for deployment as new threats to other areas were detected. Although basically a defensive type of exercise a series of redeployments exercised all sections of the unit in routine movement procedures.

As well as normal unit training, B company were involved in a three month detachment to the Air Base, Butterworth, Malaysia over the Christmas period. As well as providing security to the base, the company was involved in training in close country and live firing exercises. The detachment was also an opportunity to indulge in sightseeing and duty free shopping sprees. Since B Company have returned from Malaysia, A Company have also caught the travelling bug and spent April in Hawaii as part of an exchange programme with the US Army. 2/4 RAR hosted a company of US Army Infantry for the same period. As well as the normal training activities, many of our guests were able to see parts of the Great Barrier Reef off the east coast of Queensland, probably the most famous tourist attraction in the country.

Overall the last twelve months have seen a variety of training activities and visits. The Battalion looks forward to the remainder of the year with a series of exercises culminating in our major joint services exercise, Exercise 'Kangaroo 81'.

3RAR

Since August of 1980, the last ten months have been demanding but eventful for 3RAR. The unit has taken part in various exercises from Company to Divisional level; it has provided support for other Regular Army unit exercises and Army Reserve exercises and it has sent personnel on promotion courses and conducted its own internal promotion courses. The initial months of 1981 have also seen the development of plans for 3RARs relocation to Sydney. Also, a directive has been issued that 3RAR become airborne and parachute qualified and the unit has reacted by sending over 100 soldiers comprising all ranks on parachute specialist training until 1982, but in the meantime, 1981 will be devoted to the Battalion developing an air mobile/air portable capability.

The latter part of 1980 saw 3RAR being involved in a battalion exercise in the arid regions of South Australia. Exercise 'Flinders Chase' conducted near Hawker, approximately 500 km north of Adelaide, was a warm-up for the Divisional exercise to be conducted in October. 'Flinders Chase' was a ten day exercise which concentrated on the advance and attack phases of war and was designed to achieve rapid foot mobility, practice companies in operating as a larger force and practice procedures for occupying hasty defence positions which could be developed into more deliberate positions. The training was physically and mentally demanding on all members of the Battalion, with everyone battling intense heat, torrents of flies and the elusive enemy.

The strenuous nature of the exercise stood 3RAR in good stead for its participation in Exercise 'Drought Master', the Divisional Exercise conducted in October. This exercise was the largest peacetime exercise of its kind conducted in Australia since World War II and was beneficial for battalion training at higher levels. The exercise was conducted "out the back-of-Bourke" approximately 800 km north west of Sydney. Operations concentrated on the quick advance and attack with units advancing along a common axis of 150 km over a period of 12 days. Again conditions were exceedingly uncomfortable and the flies just as irritating, as 3RAR practiced its units and sub-units. The exercise was a successful one for 3RAR and its achievement of advancing by foot over a distance of 37 km along the Divisional axis in the course of one day was commended by the Divisional and Task Force Commanders.

With March of this year there came a change in the Battalion's training cycle and a change in the training area scenery. The unit headed off to the interior of South Australia, arriving at Leigh Creek, 800 km north of Adelaide. During the two weeks spent in the area, the Battalion concentrated on training reinforcements

and conducting delaying defence in limited war within a Task Force setting. Yet again the unit was required to do some walking along with lengthy periods of difficult digging. However, all sub-units were able to achieve the objectives given to them.

The first months of this year also saw development of plans for 3RAR to become parachute trained. The first group of 50 personnel completed their training at Williamstown in New South Wales just after Easter and another group has left for training. All members of the Battalion are keen to be selected for the course and there has been no shortage of volunteers. The benefits of this training will be realized in the next Battalion exercise in August.

1981 has also produced the first positive plans for the Battalion's move to Sydney. 3RAR is now required to take up residence at Holsworthy by February 1982. The move will also incorporate the families of soldiers going to Sydney and they are expected to be accommodated in married quarters by February also.

Along with the exercises the Battalion has participated in, there have been numerous sub-unit activities and courses conducted over the last ten months. 3RAR has sent soldiers of all ranks on qualifying courses ranging from NBCD Courses to qualifying courses for Corporal. The Battalion has also transferred a number of its soldiers to Townsville for service in the Army's Overseas Deployment Force. As well, 3RAR has provided sub-unit and platoon support for exercises in Sydney and Melbourne and support for Officer Cadet training units. Our Officers and NCOs have also taken part in A RES recruit courses as instructors and cadre staff. All these activities have placed a severe drain on the Battalion's manpower and fragmented the unit to some degree. The situation has been aggravated with the preparations for the move to Sydney and the slowing of postings into the unit.

The announcement of the date of the Battalion's move to Sydney also required an early farewell by the Battalion to the city of Adelaide. This farewell was appropriately conducted on the 24 April, Kapyong Day, in Adelaide. The parade was performed in front of an appreciative crowd and was reviewed by the Regiment's Colonel Commandant, General Sir Arthur MacDonald, KBE, CB. 3RARs departure from Woodside ends a memorable stay of 16 years.

At present it is winter in Woodside and conditions are bleak, harsh and uninviting. Fortunately, some members of the Battalion will be seeking respite in a more hospitable climate during June. Those lucky members will be taking part in a Task Force Command Post Exercise to be conducted in Hawaii, and everyone is expecting them to bring back a touch of sunny weather.

Meanwhile, it is "Aloha" from 3RAR.

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6RAR

During 1980, 6 RAR was given the task of developing an airborne capability based on one of its rifle companies. D Company, wearers of the Presidential Unit Citation for Long Tan, were chosen to be this base. Other elements of the force were to be a battalion headquarters reconnaissance group, a signals detachment, a troop of engineers and a section of assault pioneers. The development of this force took a giant leap forward with Exercise 'Distant Bridge' in April this year, the first large scale parachute drop of Australian forces since World War Two.

One hundred and sixty parachutists deployed from Amberley and Richmond air bases in four C130 aircraft. After four hours flying, a distance of about 2000 km, the force jumped into Tasmania just short of the small township of Ross and quickly secured the abandoned airfield that was the objective. Each soldier carried an operational load and with up to sixty-two parachutists crowded into an aircraft it was a relief for the soldiers to greet the brisk Tasmanian air, even though it was considerably colder than that of their sub-tropical base in Brisbane.

Exercise 'Distant Bridge' was a valuable experience for all involved and a major step in the redevelopment of operational static line parachuting in the Australian Army. It was of particular value for:

a. the development of joint service parachute planning;
b. testing and developing crowded — aircraft drills; and
c. giving experience to 6RAR personnel in the realistic conditions of a crowded aircraft; a long flight, and dropping into unfamiliar terrain and climate.

With the number of parachutists in the Battalion approaching the two hundred mark, we look forward to further developing this role in 1982.

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The colonel Commandant and all ranks of The Royal Australian Regiment wish the Colonel of the Regiment and all ranks of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry a most rewarding year. Good Soldiering!

6 RAR — D Coy 6 RAR airborne operation to secure an airfield in Exercise "Distant Bridge"

6 RAR — Troops operating at the minimum chemical protection level during Ex "Distant Bridge"

6 RAR — Elements of D coy re-group on their objective

5/7 RAR
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JENNIE MACGREGOR MORRIS
London Mother — PPCLI
26 Sep 1879 - 5 Mar 1960

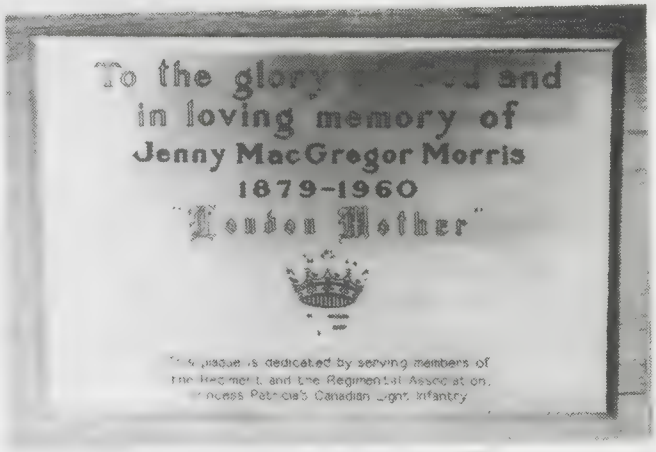
In World War I, Jennie Morris and her mother proved friends indeed to the many members of the Princess Patricia's, who sought a home on leave at 34 Bedford Place. There wasn't room for many, perhaps 30 in all — but no one was ever turned away if a bed could possibly be made up for him somewhere. Jennie or someone else remained up until every laddie who was staying in the house, was in. There were always cups of tea and buscuits at least, whenever one got in. Jennie never let a laddie returning to France from leave, depart without accompanying him to the station to wish him farewell there. This might mean for her, bed at 0300 hours and up at 0500 hours. 34 Bedford Place was also a post office. There was usually a heap of parcels and stacks of letters in the private sitting room waiting for the owners to pick them up or to be re-addressed. How it was all done, no one knew. Since World War I, Jennie never omitted to send each one of her boys a letter of remembrance and good wishes on his birthday, at Christmas and the New Year. She had also developed correspondence with the wives or mothers of many of the living or some who had died during or since the end of World War 1. Jennie's mother died in 1921 and was buried at Gorleston, which is on the North Sea adjoining Yarmouth and just where Suffolk and Norfolk meet. Before World War II arrived, Jennie had moved to Stanmore, Middlesex. She lived there throughout the war welcoming and housing while on leave, many of the sons, nephews of friends of her boys of the 1914 - 1918 War. About 1946 she returned to her Gorleston home to live. Between the wars, ever since the peace procession passed the temporary cenotaph erected in the summer of 1919, she had placed a wreath for the Regiment in memory of all who had fallen. This was done each Armistice Day (and later Remembrance Day) until she died with only two ommissions on account of an illness but on these occasions she arranged her wreath to be layed on her behalf. Not only did Jennie remember birthdays and Christmas, but at these times and other occasions she passed on in her letters, news received of births, marriages, travels, illness and recovery, and the passing on of her boys. She was a connecting link, a central registery and a disseminating agency through whom old PP's who had long since ceased to be in touch, were made aware of the whereabouts and welfare or otherwise of one another. This will now end. Jennie had the personal interest and knowledge of who knew who; no peridoical news bulletin can ever be as effective. In addition to her boys Jennie had other interests and activities to which she gave herself after returning to Gorleston. She took a great interest in local troops of Boy Scouts, Cubs and Brownies. As mother of so many boys of the first war, she was admitted as a member of the local mothers' union, was a former president of this union and a regular attendant at the weekly meetings. Each week, for four years, when help could not be obtained, Jennie swept the parish church in which her funeral service was held. She was very interested in the children of the Parish Church of St. Andrews. This church is the daughter church of St. Mary Magdelene recently built to serve a new housing estate in which at the time of her death there were attending Sunday School services, 230 children between the ages of three and eight years and 210 between the ages of eight and twelve years. She presented a prize book annually for the most neatly kept book of stamps recording Sunday School attendance. This prize book carried on the inside cover, "St. Mary Magdelene's Sunday School, Gorleston, Aunt Jennie's prize award to " with the superintendant's signature and date. She also gave Easter eggs annually to those children whose birthday fell on Easter Sunday and the cost of the prizes and Easter eggs would not on the average exceed 10 shillings a year. If provision could in some way be made from proceeds of her estate that these customs be perpetuated it would keep her memory fresh in the community where she lived over so many years, and where she was so well known and loved by so many. Some hundreds of local people attended Jennie's funeral despite the cold day and the rain. Jennie's very good friend and close neighbour spent most of the days in the last two weeks with her and a night nurse was with Jennie constantly (through the neighbours) the last two weeks and was with her when she slipped quietly and easily away in the first hour of Saturday the 5th of March. The Vicar of the Church had also been calling and spending some of each evening the last week or so with Jennie. She clearly visualized the possibility she might soon be leaving those she loved and she made known her wishes, and the verses from Roman VIII and the 23rd Psalm read during the service and the two hymns were her choice; she also wrote the wording of the notice of her going, which all those on the list of names she left received — "Jennie MacGregor Morris, London Mother, PPCLI since 1915, life member Canadian Legion August 1918, passed to the great beyond 5th March 1960, St. Andrew's Cottage, 56 Avondale Road, Gorleston". Countless wreaths and sprays of flowers were sent by PPCLI units and branches of the Patricia Association in Canada, old friends who had maintained corespondence, from Mrs. Hamilton Gault, the Mothers' Union of which she was a member, her Number 10 Scout

Troop, the Sunday School children of St. Mary Magdelene, one on behalf of all old Patricias of the first war whom she had befriended and loved, and who loved her, and from relatives and individuals. Gorleston friends went with her to the cemetery where she was to have a grave with her mother, who had died in 1921, under a huge block of Red Scotch granite bearing a St. Andrew's Cross, at which Jennie characteristically once joked to a friend: "Lordy, imagine us on resurrection day trying to get out from under that huge lump". Jennie is gone but she is remembered by her laddies who remain.

EDITORS NOTE: This tribute to Jennie MacGregor Morris was written by the late Arthur Milne, a long time member of the United Kingdom Branch. Arthur Milne was formerly 410955 Lt Milne from the 1st University Company.

This tribute to Jenny appears in this issue as the association article in an effort to bring before the Patricia's of today a character sketch in memory of a wonderful woman whose kindness to Particias through two world wars and peace time may be kept alive for years to come.

Jenny MacGregor Morris, Laying a wreath at the National War Memorial, London, England 11 Nov 1949.



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On May 11th, 1981, Lady Patricia took time out of her already busy schedule to spend an evening as Honored Guest and Patron of the Earl Mountbatten of Burma Memorial Society.

This was the occasion of the Society's Inaugural Banquet and Ball and was held in the very comfortable surroundings of the Glencoe Club, Calgary. The evening was highlighted by Lady Patricia's warm personality and her most enjoyable talk on the life of Lord Mountbatten.

The Society was raised in Calgary with the purpose of preserving the memory of Lord Mountbatten through promotion and support of his educational and charitable philosophies. He was founder of United World Colleges; an international organization providing educational opportunities for students from around the world. He was also keenly interested in the development of technological aids for the handicapped and it was in this direction that the Society was able to channel funds raised from the Inaugural Ball. The Baker Centre for the mentally handicapped was chosen this year to be the recipient of a cheque for use in purchasing equipment required for their active stimulation programme.

The picture shows Lady Patricia receiving, from the President, Mr. R. Nolan, a painting of Lord Mountbatten wearing the uniform of Colonel of the Life Guards. Mr. G. Cumming, Vice President, is also in the picture.

Those interested in learning more about the Society, may write to the Secretary, Earl Mountbatten of Burma Memorial Society, PO Box 1431, Postal Station T, Calgary, Alberta.

Mr. R. Nolan, President, The Mountbatten Society presents a cheque to Mr Westwood, Director of the Baker Centre. The Secretary, Mrs. G. Vass and Vice President, Gordon Cumming, look on.

Our Colonel-in-Chief receiving a painting of Lord Mountbatten wearing the uniform of Colonel of The Life Guards, from Mr Ron Nolan, President, and Mr Gordon Cumming, Vice President of the Society.

IN MEMORIAM

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

	Cpl C.G. Carson	at Calgary, Alta, 5 Sep 81. Served in Korea with 1 PPCLI, served with the Battalion in Germany, Cyprus, Edmonton and Calgary. Retired from 1 PPCLI.
	BGen E.A. Eakins, MC, CD	at New Westminister, B.C., 16 Dec 80. Joined PPCLI 23 Apr 39 as 2nd Lt. Served with PPCLI until 11 aug 41, seconded to our Allied Regiment. Served with distinction, awarded MC for service in WWII. A member of the Vancouver Branch PPCLI association.
	SSgt A. Erfurt, CD	at Calgary, Alta, 7 Jun 81. Served 1 and 2 PPCLI and PPCLI Depot for over 27 years. Served in Korea, Germany, Edmonton and Calgary. A member of the Calgary Branch PPCLI Association.
475846	Sgt F.M. Fisher, MM	at Toronto, Ont, 3 Oct 80. Joined PPCLI in the field 17 Feb 16 with No 3 University Coy. Awarded the Military Medal for Gallantry. SOS 20 Mar 19. A member of the Toronto Branch PPCLI Association.
H17329	Cpl W.L. Fox	at Winnipeg, Man, 23 Aug 80. Served PPCLI in WWII. A member of the Winnipeg Branch PPCLI Association.
H16716	Cpl J.A. Hinds	at Winnipeg, Man, 13 Sep 80. Served PPCLI in the early stages of WWII. A member of the Winnipeg Branch PPCLI Association.
	Sgt G. McCord, CD	at Winnipeg, Man, 8 Sep 81. Joined 2 PPCLI 1952. Served with 2 PPCLI and 1 PPCLI in Germany and in Canada, retired Dec 70.
P22154	Major E.D. McPhail, CD	at Vernon, B.C., 26 May 81. Joined PPCLI as a pte soldier in Winnipeg, Man 1935. By 1939 was serving as PI Sgt Major WO3, Commissioned in Sep to Lt PPCLI. Was wounded in Italy Dec 43. Served between WWII and commanded A Coy 3 PPCLI in Korea. Served in 1 PPCLI and a variety of Staff Appointments. Retired from PPCLI Depot in 1965. A member of the Vancouver Branch PPCLI Association.
P22323	LCol A.M. Mills, CD	at Edmonton, Alta, 12 Apr 81. Joined PPCLI in Winnipeg, Man in 1938. Mobilized 1 Sep 39, was Commissioned 3 Oct 41, served PPCLI throughout the Italian Campaign and NW Europe. Was Bde Major 1st Cdn Inf Bde in NW Europe 1953, was appointed 21C 2 PPCLI Feb 55, served in a variety of Staff Appointments. Was an active member of the Edmonton Branch, PPCLI Association.
	Pte A. "Tiny" Smallface	at Cardston, Alta on 5 Jul 81. Served 1 PPCLI 1955 - 58. Was 4 Cdn Inf Bde Heavyweight Boxing Champion 1956 and 1957. A member-at-large of the PPCLI Association.
McG 107	Pte - Lt M.H. Staples	at Calgary, Alta, 23 Jan 81. Joined PPCLI in the field 1 Sep 15 with No 2 University Company. Was SOS to B.E.F. 5 Oct 1915.
105482	Sgt G.M. Torrie, MM	at Medicine Hat, Alta March 1981. Joined PPCLI in the field 10 Jun 1916 from the 86th Bn, wounded 26 Oct 1917. Was attached to 7th Bde MG Coy. SOS 20 Mar 1919. Was awarded the Military Medal for Gallantry. Was a member-at-large of the PPCLI Association.
SD 801 509	Cpl H. Westwood, CD	at Calgary, Alta, 19 Aug 81. Joined 2 PPCLI in August 1950. Served with 2 PPCLI in Korea, Calgary, Edmonton and West Germany. Was a member of the Calgary Branch PPCLI Association.
654858	Pte C.E. Woolven	at Huntsville, Ont, 23 Jun 81. Joined PPCLI 28 Jan 1918 from the 161st Bn. Was SOS 20 Mar 1919.